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*Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization*

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The CNMI is the only one among U.S. territories and states that has not obligated its first federal transportation economic stimulus money, risking the receipt of $4.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for highway spending on the islands.

Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, in a May 15 letter to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, expressed concern about the delay in the expenditure of stimulus funds Congress has made available to the CNMI under ARRA.

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## 50-CENT MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE ON MAY 26

# From $4.05 to $4.55 per hour

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By Tuesday, the CNMI's minimum wage will be $4.55 an hour as required by a 2007 federal law requiring a 50-cent increase every May until it reaches the federal wage floor of $7.25 an hour.

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Acting Gov. Eloy Inos signs a bill into law as Lt. Governor's Office legal counsel Teresa Kim looks on.

**MONEY MATTERS** HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation confer during yesterday's break in the session, which was mostly spent debating House Bill 16-30. The original bill appropriated only $9,742 in unobligated funds to go to various programs and activities but due to a substitute bill and floor amendments yesterday, the figure spiked to over $360,000. The delegation passed the bill, introduced by Rep. Justo Quitugua. In the photo are, from left, Reps. Joe Reyes, Rosemond Santos, Ray Yumul, Quitugua, and Diego Benavente. The delegation also passed Santos's House Bill 16-28, which amends the Saipan Zoning Law of 2009 to relocate gambling parlors away from residential and school areas, among other things.

# 15 MVA jobs saved by new law

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday signed a law that saved the jobs of 15 employees at the Marianas Visitors Authority and spared 20 others from work hour reduction.

In a news briefing, Inos also addressed several issues faced by the CNMI, including the non-renewal of Aggreko Inter-

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# Election Commission has new chief

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The Commonwealth Election Commission board finally selected a new executive director after weeks of intense deliberation.

The board voted to hire Robert Guerrero to the position left vacant by Gregorio Sablan, who left the post to run as the islands' first representative to the U.S. Congress in November last year.

Board chairwoman Frances Sablan said the candidate formally accepted the job offer yesterday and would report for work on June 1.

Guerrero, according to the board, will be provided a salary mandated by the Constitu-

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# 'PUC ignoring request, inquiries of House panel'

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The chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, Rep. Joseph Reyes, is disappointed with the Public Utilities Commission for stubbornly ignoring his committee's request and inquiries dating back to December last year.

Reyes said his committee had already sent three letters to the commission and all have yet to be answered. The PUC is chaired by lawyer Viola Alepuyo.

The lawmaker made his initial request on Dec. 2, 2008, for the commission to require the only cable television provider on island, KMCV, to consider providing rebates and adjustments to consumers who have paid their monthly fees but did not actually receive any services because of frequent power outages.

Reyes told the commission that the cable provider needs to be fair to everyone and must rebate or provide credit adjustments to each customer's monthly billing for all the hours that MCV was unable to provide any service.

On Feb. 4, 2009, Reyes' office sent another letter to the commission, following up on his inquiry and adding that consumers whose appliances were damaged by the frequent power outages must also be compensated by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

In that letter, he disclosed that a survey conducted by his office showed that some 56 respondents placed the value of their losses at $63,395. The lawmaker provided the PUC a copy of the "Broken Appliance Log Sheet" for the commission's inspection.

"I asked that your committee look into this matter and obligate CUC to compensate the victims for their losses before any lawsuit is initiated," Reyes told the PUC chair.

The committee chairman also asked for a dialogue with CUC about the disruption of television broadcasting services due to CUC's power outages throughout 2008.

"Our consumers deserve to receive credit adjustments or refunds on their cable television bills from both CUC and MCV for the hours that they were deprived of the service," he added.

On May 21, another follow-up letter was sent by Reyes' office. Still no response.

Reyes said PUC must at least inform him if the issues raised are not part of its jurisdictions and responsibilities.

## NMC graduation ceremony and practice

The public is invited to the Northern Marianas College's 29th graduation rites on Saturday, May 23, 4pm, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

NMC graduates are encouraged to arrive at the gym by 3:15pm.

Practice for the Spring 2009 commencement exercise will be held Friday, May 22, at 3:30pm at the MHS Gym. Graduates do not need to bring their gowns to the practice.

For more information, contact Jack Kiyoshi Jr., at 234-5498 Ext. 1021, or e-mail jackk@nmcnet.edu. All students preparing to graduate on Saturday are strongly encouraged to attend the graduation practice. ***(NMC)***

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# 3 lawyers hired to pursue Fund's $1.9M collectible

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The Retirement Fund board of trustees has approved the hiring of three private lawyers from different law firms to pursue the Fund's $1.9 million collection from CNMI autonomous agencies.

Fund board chair Juan T. Guerrero disclosed this yesterday, saying that the lawyers' specific services are outlined in a "collective contract."

Guerrero said the three lawyers were hired on a per hour rate, as stipulated in the collective contract. Two of these lawyers are William Fitzgerald and Mark Hanson.

"They are being paid based on performance," he added.

It was earlier disclosed that seven autonomous agencies are behind in their employment contributions, with outstanding collectibles projected at $1.9 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Guerrero admitted the difficulty being experienced by the Fund's collectors in pursuing these agencies.

"We have a very high outstanding receivable from these independent agencies and we need to work seriously and run after them," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

The chairman said the Fund's lawyers are currently focusing on the ongoing lawsuit against the central government, prompting the board to hire private firms to pursue the collection.

"Their job will focus on the independent agencies because collection in those departments is a little bit different from collecting on the central government. The Fund needs to go and work with every executive director and board of agencies," he said.

According to Fund records, the Public School System tops its debtor list among autonomous agencies. The following are the amounts owed the Fund by respective agencies:

■ Northern Marianas College, $4.7 million;

■ Commonwealth Utilities Corp., $1.7 million;

■ Tinian Municipal Treasury, $1.5 million;

■ Marianas Visitors Authority, $367,000;

■ Commonwealth Ports Authority, $479,000; and

■ Department of Public Lands, $101,000.

Although contributions are added to the central government's account, independent agencies file their contributions separately, Guerrero said.

"They are not remitting their contributions…and it can't work that way. We need to work with the respective boards and with the present workload of our lawyers, we can't do that ourselves," he said.

He admitted that despite the numerous correspondences issued to delinquent independent agencies, no specific actions from them have been recorded to resolve the issue.

The Fund has disallowed members from retiring if they are delinquent in their contribution payments.

The PSS, during recent meetings, had discussed how its debt to the Fund will be addressed. The $10.3 million projected amount it owes the Fund is still "unfunded liability" on its record.

CPA executive director Efrain F. Camacho, in a recent letter to the Fund, asked for more consideration.

"While CPA understands that your fiduciary responsibilities require evidence of collection activity, we would also hope that you understand CPA's current, troubled financial condition," Camacho told Fund administrator Mark Aguon last month.

However, he assured that CPA has always held the position that any such amounts would be the first that would be paid to the Fund for its federally-funded personnel.

# Habitual offender gets 3 yrs. for marriage fraud

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has sentenced a habitual crime offender to three years in prison for engaging in marriage fraud and violating his probation in three previous criminal convictions.

Wiseman said 23-year-old Bonifacio M. Camacho is not a good candidate for an alternate sentence such as probation.

"The best interests of justice and of the society will be best served by imposing a jail term that the vourt believes will have a deterrent effect on the life of Camacho upon his release, and more important, on those potential offenders and to isolate him from society for a period of time," the judge said.

Camacho was ordered to start serving his sentence at the Department of Corrections on June 8, 2009. He is expected to be released on June 3, 2011, after which he will be placed on five years' probation.

Wiseman required Camacho to pay a $100 court assessment fee plus probation fee.

In view of Camacho's hemophilia and other alleged medical problems, Wiseman directed DOC to carefully monitor the defendant's condition and give him access to medical care.

The Attorney General' Office alleged that on Oct. 31, 2007, Lorna de Luna and Camacho agreed to be married for the sole purpose of obtaining a labor and immigration benefit.

De Luna was sentenced in March 2009 to a probation sentence.

Camacho pleaded guilty to the offense of marriage fraud and conceded the probation violation in three previous criminal cases.

Wiseman noted that Camacho has been a frequent visitor to the criminal courts and has a "long and busy" criminal history.

Camacho has been charged with crimes beginning in 2003 and continuing to the present for a total of 17 cases, including possession of ammunition, assault and battery, and criminal mischief.

# Teams to vie for awards in tonight's MMAC

A total of 13 teams will be competing for special awards in the annual Marianas March Against Cancer, which will be held tonight at the Hopwood Junior High School campus field.

The teams are grouped into four categories.

A team from Grace Christian Academy is grouped in the Napu/schools category.

For the government/nonprofit category, the teams are Marriage Encounter, Hinemlo, Department of Public Health, and Transportation Security Administration.

Teams in the Pulan/family category are Bodig and Ahu.

A total of seven teams are entered in the Putionn/corporate category, including Tan Holdings, Pacific Islands Club, IT&E/Saipan Southern High School, Marianas Health Services/GTC Elementary School, Take Care/FHP, Bank of Guam/Garapan Elementary School, and Bank of Hawaii.

The awards to be contested are most money raised (per category), best baton, best decorated tent, most spirit, most laps and most luminaries sold.

MMAC said all these teams are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting and memorable event that raises funds for the battle against cancer.

Tonight's event culminates the MMAC Week, which started with the signing of proclamation by acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos last Tuesday at the Bank of Guam office in Garapan. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

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# $600K available to help former garment workers

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The Garment Workers Trust Fund still has $600,000 available to assist former garment workers who are still on Saipan and are facing hardships.

Former Superior Court associate judge Timothy H. Bellas, who served as chairman of the defunct Garment Oversight Board, said the $600,000 is leftover money from the checks distributed to the workers as settlement in the class action against garment factories.

Bellas said the checks came back or were not cashed and became the trust fund.

"Under the terms of the settlement agreement, it is supposed to go to help workers if we can. …If we can't, then it goes to charity," he said.

The trust fund is accepting applications until Aug. 15, 2009, from former garment workers who want to avail of the funding.

Applicants need to send their applications either in Chinese or English to GWTF P.O. Box 505943 Saipan, MP 96950.

Bellas said the money that will remain from the $600,000 will then be donated to charity.

"After Aug. 15, we are going to put out another advertisement, saying that if you are a charitable organization, submit an application to us and we will consider a donation to you," he said.

The donation must be approved and must include the input of U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Alex R. Munson.

Bellas stressed that they are not going to give money to a former garment worker who is illegally staying here.

"If the guy is here and he needs money to feed him and to clothe him and to get him on his feet, then we are going to get him a ticket and get him out here. What I'm saying is, we might exceed the $1,000 for a ticket to give him a little pocket money to get him food and get him on his feet before he departs," he said.

The chairman said they are not going to support those who don't have a job and who don't have a legitimate immigration status.

GOB was set up pursuant to the $20-million settlement agreement in the class action against the garment industry.

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tion and approved under a "continuing" contract. This means he will serve at the pleasure of the board and will remain at his post until the board says otherwise.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Guerrero bested three other candidates to the position after getting the unanimous approval of the seven-member board.

The board made its decision last week but waited for the candidate to accept the job offer before announcing its choice, according to Sablan.

Sablan said Guerrero will play an important role in this year's general election where a four-way gubernatorial race is in the offing.

Guerrero, she said, held a number of managerial positions in the private sector prior to becoming CEC executive director.

## NMI

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In his two-page letter, Sablan said it is troubling to learn that of all U.S. states and territories, the CNMI is the only government that has not yet submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation the Section 1511 certification that is required in order to begin obligating highway funds.

Congress has provided $4.5 million in ARRA funds for highway spending in the CNMI.

"When the Commonwealth is the only U.S. jurisdiction that has not completed this job, it adds to the reputation of the Northern Marianas as a place that says it needs help and then fails to use the money provided," said Sablan.

He was referring to the $12 million in special appropriation the CNMI received in the last surface transportation authorization in 2003, which is still unexpended, and the tens of millions of Covenant capital improvement project funds that are also still on the books from many years past.

Public Works Secretary Diego B. Songsong said they expect to soon submit the Section 1511 certification.

Songsong said the requirement includes the submission of the CNMI Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2011.

"We will try to submit it to DOT's Federal Highway Administration today," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Songsong said the delay in submission was caused by the difficulty in identifying which transportation projects will be funded using ARRA money.

The public hearing for the TTIP wrapped up on April 21. DPW did not receive a single comment from Saipan residents on the three-year highway plan involving at least $15.154 million that includes the multi-million Cross Island or Back Road improvement and the Chalan Kalabera development. An additional $4.5 million is expected to go toward phase II of the Cross Island road improvement project from ARRA.

Sablan told Fitial it does not help his efforts that the CNMI continues to be known for not spending money that is already available.

As a member of the U.S. Congress, Sablan has the opportunity to seek new funding for special projects in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization and for water infrastructure, school programs and economic development projects in the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations measures.

"Governor, I can only implore you to use the millions of dollars at your disposal to help the economy now, when we are arguably in the worst situation we have been since the beginning of the Commonwealth. You have the resources to make people's lives better. You just have to take action," Sablan told Fitial.

Virginia became the last U.S. state to obligate its first federal transportation economic-stimulus money. The other 49 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and various U.S. territories except the CNMI, already had taken action to obligate stimulus funds, and many have already begun work on so-called shovel-ready projects.

## MVA

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national's $6 million contract with the government, the proposed out-of-court mediation to solve the Retirement Fund woes, and federalization.

Inos signed House Bill 16-243 into Public Law 16-41, reprogramming $206,396.34 from MVA's non-personnel appropriation to its personnel appropriation.

"MVA faced a shortfall in personnel funding such that some employees would have been laid off or faced reduced working hours of up to 48 hours bi-weekly beginning June 1, 2009," Inos said.

This is the first law signed by Inos since he became acting governor when Gov. Benigno R. Fitial left for Washington, D.C. on Sunday to testify at a hearing on the implementation of Public Law 110-229 or the federalization law in the CNMI.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, who was present at the signing of the law yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill, thanked the acting governor and the Legislature for approving the reprogramming of funds within MVA.

H.B. 16-243, introduced by Rep. Ray N. Yumul, said MVA's personnel cost for Fiscal Year 2009 is about $1.16 million. However, Public Law 16-32 or the budget law appropriated $955,597 for MVA's personnel costs, creating a shortfall of $206,396.34.

### Aggreko, Retirement Fund, federalization

Inos said the notice of non-renewal of Aggreko's contract is being prepared. The formal notice will be given in June, while the expiration of Aggreko's contract is on Sept. 11.

CUC hired the U.K.-based Aggreko last year to provide 15 MW of temporary power to Saipan, which at the time was suffering from constant blackouts due to the poor condition of CUC's power plant. Under the $6 million contract, CUC must make a monthly payment of $504,000 to Aggreko.

Inos also noted that the islandwide power outage on Wednesday, caused by external factors, was promptly addressed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The acting governor also said the administration is thankful to Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho and the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs' support in delaying the start of the transition to federal immigration system.

"We're pleased with the visit of the [congressional] delegation in the future," said Inos, referring to Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo's announcement on May 19 during the oversight hearing.

Bordallo said members of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife will be visiting the CNMI and Guam in August.

Inos also said out-of-court mediation is still the best way to address the issues concerning the Retirement Fund. He said the central government has been paying $200,000 to $300,000 in employer contribution to the Fund every payroll.

In response to Fund board chair Juan T. Guerrero's statement, Inos said the administration is proposing the suspension of the ongoing court proceedings involving the pension system, and not withdrawing the lawsuit. The Retirement Fund sued the government for not remitting employer contributions to the pension system.

## WAGE

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The current minimum wage is $4.05 an hour.

The new round of minimum wage increase comes at a time when the local economy is at its worst due to the demise of the once mighty garment industry, low tourist arrivals, a drop in business gross revenue, the global financial crisis, a decline in government collection from taxes and fees, and the uncertainties brought by the federalization of local immigration.

Richard Hamilton, senior investigator with the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, yesterday said most employers in the CNMI are covered by the federal minimum wage law.

"The $4.55 an hour wage will begin officially on May 26," he said.

### Added cost

Pete Igitol, director of Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, one of the biggest hotels in the CNMI, said yesterday the 50-cent increase in minimum wage will affect approximately 80 of their 127 current employees. He said they will comply with the federal law and raise the wages of their minimum wage employees.

"It's an added cost to us, especially with occupancy just about 55 percent as of now. We need to have more tourists to the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Igitol said Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, however, is not resorting to laying off people but has been cutting down expenses in some areas, like reducing overtime pay and putting a temporary freeze on hiring, except for critical positions.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said the 50-cent wage increase will cost the hotel industry almost $1.7 million in added payroll costs annually.

The wage hike affects 68 percent or 1,802 of the total 2,636 employees of hotels that are members of HANMI.

### Impact study

The Fitial administration has been pushing for a delay in the implementation of this next round of 50-cent minimum wage increase in until the U.S. Government Accountability Office conducts an impact study on the effect of the previous increases.

"Without an economic study to the contrary, we feel it is an additional load for a weak, struggling and vulnerable economy," press secretary Charles Reyes Jr. said yesterday.

GAO has recently begun work on preparing the minimum wage study that will look at the impact of past and future wage increases in the CNMI and American Samoa.

Congress was originally set to receive a GAO report on the minimum wage impact between March 15 and April 15, 2009, but a conference bill signed into law extended the deadline for Congress to receive the report to April 15, 2010.

Douglas Brennan, general manager of Microl Corp., said they will be adjusting the wages of their minimum wage employees on Tuesday to comply with the federal law.

"On Tuesday, our employees who are earning $4.05 an hour will be paid $4.55 an hour. We've been working on this for a long time. We are 100 percent compliant with the law," said Brennan, who is also the vice president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI.

Kyle Calabrese, executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said he will be issuing a reminder today to member businesses about the 50-cent increase in minimum wage on Tuesday.

### Ready

Denise Wong-Montenegro, a board member of the CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, said employers should have been prepared for the new round of minimum wage increase because it has been in effect since 2007.

"I am speaking here as an individual. The additional cost from the minimum wage increase should have been built on your budget since it became law," said Wong-Montenegro, who is also the training director manager for Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Cora Quiachon, an employee of Sierra's Pearl Shakes, said she hopes to be paid $4.55 an hour on Tuesday.

"That's why we raised some of the prices of our pearl shakes because of the minimum wage increase," she said.

While many businesses in the CNMI have to make the adjustments to comply with the federal wage law, others like IT&E do not have to make changes in their payroll because their employees are getting paid much higher than the minimum wage.

"It will have no effect on us as our employees are paid close to the federal minimum wage of $7.25 an hour," said Kathryn Barry, regional marketing director of IT&E.

### Nine-step hike

Former President George W. Bush signed the federal minimum wage law on May 25, 2007. At that time, the CNMI's minimum wage was $3.05 an hour.

As required by law, the CNMI raised its minimum wage by 50 cents on July 24, 2007, which was 60 days after the bill was signed into law. It also marked the CNMI's first minimum wage increase in 11 years.

The July 2007 wage increase kicked off the nine-step increase of 50 cents every year until the CNMI's minimum wage reaches the federal wage floor of $7.25 an hour by 2015.

The second increase, from $3.55 to $4.05 an hour, took effect on May 26, 2008.

While the federal wage law raised the salary level mostly of private sector employees, the change was outweighed by the cost-cutting measures by employers that included not providing free housing or free transportation anymore, or reducing work hours.

# Sam Joyner most likely ACT's next president

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Kagman Elementary School teacher Sam Joyner will most likely be the next president of the Association of Commonwealth Teachers, after finding out he's the sole candidate for the position in this week's election.

Joyner, the association's incumbent vice president, will succeed San Vicente Elementary School vice principal Betty Miller, who has been in the position since the term expiration of Ambrose Bennett.

Joyner said this is the first time he has attempted to run for the presidency and is optimistic on the result.

He said he was asked by a group of teachers to run for the position.

"They believe I can create a voice for the teachers," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

He cited three key areas on top of his priority list: equality and justice for teachers, unity amongst teachers, and creating a voice for teachers within the Public School System.

Joyner said teachers at present are "completely powerless."

Since Bennett's departure as teachers' representative to the Board of Education, nobody has taken over or was appointed to the position, resulting in the lack of teacher representation on the board.

ACT had recommended Miller for the position but the governor failed to make any appointment, following constitutional issues that were raised about her being also a school administrator.

Joyner disclosed that other areas that need immediate attention by his leadership is to help restore teachers' salaries after it was slashed by the PSS, based on the highly qualified compensation plan for teachers.

It is also his priority to revitalize the association.

According to Miller, although Joyner was the only candidate who approached the Election Committee to express interest in the position, teachers can still write other candidates of their choice in their ballots.

"The sole candidate for president is Sam Joyner, but write-in candidates are possible, so we will see how the teachers complete their ballots," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

# New Zoning chief wants close relations with community

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Barrett

The incoming administrator of the Saipan Zoning Office says a closer relationship with members of the community is needed in order to achieve the agency's goals.

Newly hired Victor Barrett, who had just inked a two-year contract, said that besides running the Zoning Office, one of his key goals is to facilitate a common vision of what Saipan wants to be, including going to the community for help in preserving the culture.

"We will make sure that we are here to help improve the quality of life of people," said Barrett, who will return to Arizona today.

He will be coming back to Saipan with his wife and 12-year-old son on June 17, in time for his oath taking on June 21.

Barrett said he is now reviewing the Saipan Zoning Code. "I'm still familiarizing myself with the policies and procedures of the office. Next week, there will be two new employees," he said.

During his weeklong visit, Barrett met with members of the Zoning Board and officials in the Executive Branch.

He met government lawyer Allan Barack yesterday to discuss current issues in the zoning law.

He also attended the Wednesday presentation of the Neighborhood Revitalization and Resource Directory to acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos by the Saipan Municipal Council, which is pushing the revitalization of Chalan Kanoa as the capital of Saipan.

The Zoning Office plays a major part in preserving the heritage and cultural and historical aspects of the island.

"The idea is to create workable and livable towns and villages. We also put pedestrian first and car is second," Barrett said.

Barrett is an advocate of sustainable development, using energy wisely and ensuring that the island can contribute to development by initiating local production of resources.

His other expertise is energy-efficient construction, which is a means of using local materials for design since electricity is a big problem in the CNMI.

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# Cabrera, Kiyoshi are NMC's leadership awardees

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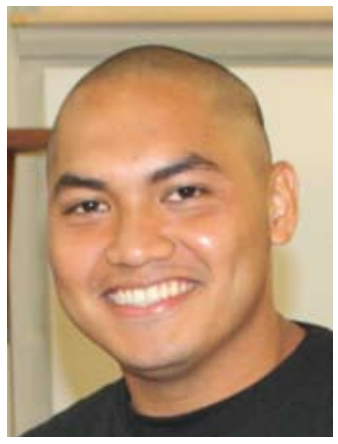
Matthew Camacho Cabrera and Jack O. Kiyoshi will be honored by the Northern Marianas College as its Spring leadership awardees during the graduation rites at Marianas High School tomorrow.

The NMC Student Leadership Award is given to a graduating student who demonstrates exceptional leadership and service to the college and to the community and any student, staff, or faculty member may nominate a graduating student for the award.

Cabrera will be receiving his associate degree in liberal arts, while Kiyoshi will graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The two were selected by the Student Leadership Award Committee for the award.

On his nomination form, Cabrera was described as someone who has demonstrated leadership through his hard work, ensuring that goals are met. "He is a doer, a go-getter, and one that anyone would want on their team," the nomination states.


Cabrera

Kiyoshi

Cabrera, a graduate of Marianas Baptist Academy, led the volunteer committee for the Kaba Modern Concert held a few months ago. He was also involved in a class project about federalization where he helped create brochures and coordinated public awareness of the presentation; was chair of the marketing committee for the recent Charter Day event, and has been involved in the planning and organization of the college's information sessions.

Cabrera also received a Service Learning Award in 2008.

"I am a very determined person and very goal-oriented. I am a good listener, am open to new ideas. I feel strongly about issues like stopping vandalism in the community. I have a big interest in helping to improve, maintain, and renovate public buildings like the San Vicente Memorial Hall. I am also interested in educating the youth about the dangers of using drugs," Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune.*

Kiyoshi was described on his nomination form as "someone who has taken on many leadership roles to support both the college and the community. He is great at picking up the torch and running with it."

Kiyoshi has received numerous awards and has been active in community events, including as president of Napu Life Foundation, secretary of the NMC Alumni Association, and president of the 2009 Graduating Class of NMC.

He has been on the NMC President's List and won first place in the 2008 Gold's Gym Body Success Challenge.

"My goals include becoming an educator in the CNMI in either Social Science or Language Arts. I want to also get my doctorate before I'm 40," he said. "I am passionate about educating the community about HIV/AIDS, and I want to help establish programs that provide opportunities for youth to learn about these issues."

Cabrera and Kiyoshi are among the 238 students who will be conferred diplomas and certificates in tomorrow's graduation ceremony.

## ON THE STREET

# May is Tourism Month. What should the community do to support tourism?

*"We could be friendlier to tourists…be more welcoming."*
—Samantha Birmingham-Babauta

*"We should develop more cultural programs—like an international cultural center—because we are a diverse group of people in the CNMI. It should be a place where tourists can experience a bunch of different cultures."*
—Noel Taisacan

*"Welcome visitors to this island like it's their own home, not like they're strangers. Give them guidance, and help present the best of our island. Be friendly! Even though they are of different nationalities, we should be open to them as visitors."*
—Cathy Tamondong

*"Number one, be proud of who you are, your ancestors, the ruins, your background. Be kind to tourists; protect them. Public transportation is needed. Keep up with street signs and street markings. In my country, Peru, we put special police in charge of orientating tourists. This is a beautiful place; take care of our sand, sea, and surf, and improve it!"*
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# Chalan Piao store robbed of 11 laptops

Police are now investigating the Wednesday morning burglary at a store in Chalan Piao, where many electronic devices, including 11 laptops, were stolen.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David asked the public yesterday for help in identifying the suspect or suspects. The NMI Crime Stoppers offers up to $1,000 cash reward to anyone who can provide information that will lead to the arrest of the burglar or burglars.

David said it is estimated that the suspect or suspects managed to run off with electronic devices worth $10,844.

He said that on Wednesday at 8:02am, DPS 911 dispatcher got a call about a burglary at the Tenda Sita Plaza across Hopwood Jr. High School.

Police discovered that the rooftop of the Tenda Sita Plaza had been cut open above the Thai Fashion Shop. Officers found a rope leading down from a section of the ceiling. Inside the store, the place was a mess.

Investigators found a broken glass shelf with its contents missing. The glass shelf reportedly contained 11 laptops, five mini I-phone M888A models, five MP5 audio players, 10 digital cameras, and 11 computer mouse devices. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### May 22, 2000

#### PCB cleanup set to begin in July

Twelve years after the presence of electric capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) were discovered in Tanapag village, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will finally carry out an emergency removal of PCB contamination in Cemetery No. 2 (Lower Base Cemetery) between July and August of this year. The Army Corps will also clean up seven areas in the village which were found to have high contamination level of the toxic chemical, according to Ike Cabrera, director of the Division of Environmental Quality. The commitment of the Army Corps was relayed to the DEQ chief on Friday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after a meeting with the Army Corps officials in Hawaii.

#### Report implicates Schorr to on-job politics

Some officials and employees of the Office of Insular Affairs, including its liaison officer in the CNMI Jeffrey Schorr, have conspired to discredit the Northern Marianas in their attempt to push legislation seeking federal takeover of the island's labor and immigration, according to U.S. House Resources Committee chair. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), who heads the panel that has oversight of the CNMI and other insular areas, has uncovered partisan political activities and other improprieties engaged in by individuals employed at OIA and the U.S. Department of the Interior. He said such activities violated federal laws and broke confidentiality clause on personal and business information.

### May 22, 2001

#### 'Reduce residency requirement for CNMI voters'

The CNMI government plans to reduce the number of days required among Americans before they become eligible to register and vote in local elections. The Commonwealth Election Commission pointed out the importance of reducing the 120-day residency requirement to 50 days, citing possible constitutional questions that may be thrown against the currently imposed two-month residency. A proposal is now pending before the House of Representatives trimming the length of stay that may be required from any American passport holder prior to the election date before they are allowed to register and vote.

#### Scientists off to Northern Islands

Scientists from the US Geological Survey Hawaii District are gearing up for a two-week mission to the Northern Islands as part of renewed efforts to tackle the possible resettlement of residents who were forced out of the remote islands. Experts from the Hawaii Volcano Observatory and the USGS Water Resources Division arrived on Saipan Sunday to get a head start on the Volcano Hazard and Water Resources Assessment project being undertaken by local and federal agencies. The group to be accompanied by staff from the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is scheduled to leave for the Northern Islands this week, directly to the island of Pagan for its first stop.

### May 22, 2002

#### Depositors storm Bank of Saipan

Bank of Saipan's depositors figured in a near squabble due to the long waiting line during the first day of banking operations yesterday at the Chalan Kanoa branch. This, as reports claimed that the BoS branch in Rota did not open yesterday despite an initial order to resume operations. Reopening of the BoS Garapan branch, on the other hand, remains undetermined. Over a hundred BoS customers, mostly Chinese nationals, trooped to the bank as early as 8am to withdraw money from their accounts when the institution opened its door at 10am.

#### Govt agencies told: Retain your money with BoS

Commerce Secretary Frank Atalig said that Gov. Juan N. Babauta has encouraged government offices and autonomous agencies to retain their money with the Bank of Saipan as a means to stabilize the bank and its operation. This comes soon after the BoS opened its doors to the public on a limited basis beginning yesterday. Atalig had earlier recommended to the Babauta administration for the government not to take out its deposits with the BoS to ensure the bank's stability and he said yesterday that the Governor supports his recommendation. "I think that's the same with the Governor. that he would encourage government agencies to keep it [monies] in there [BoS]," Atalig said.

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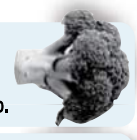

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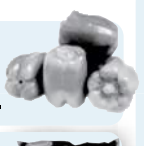

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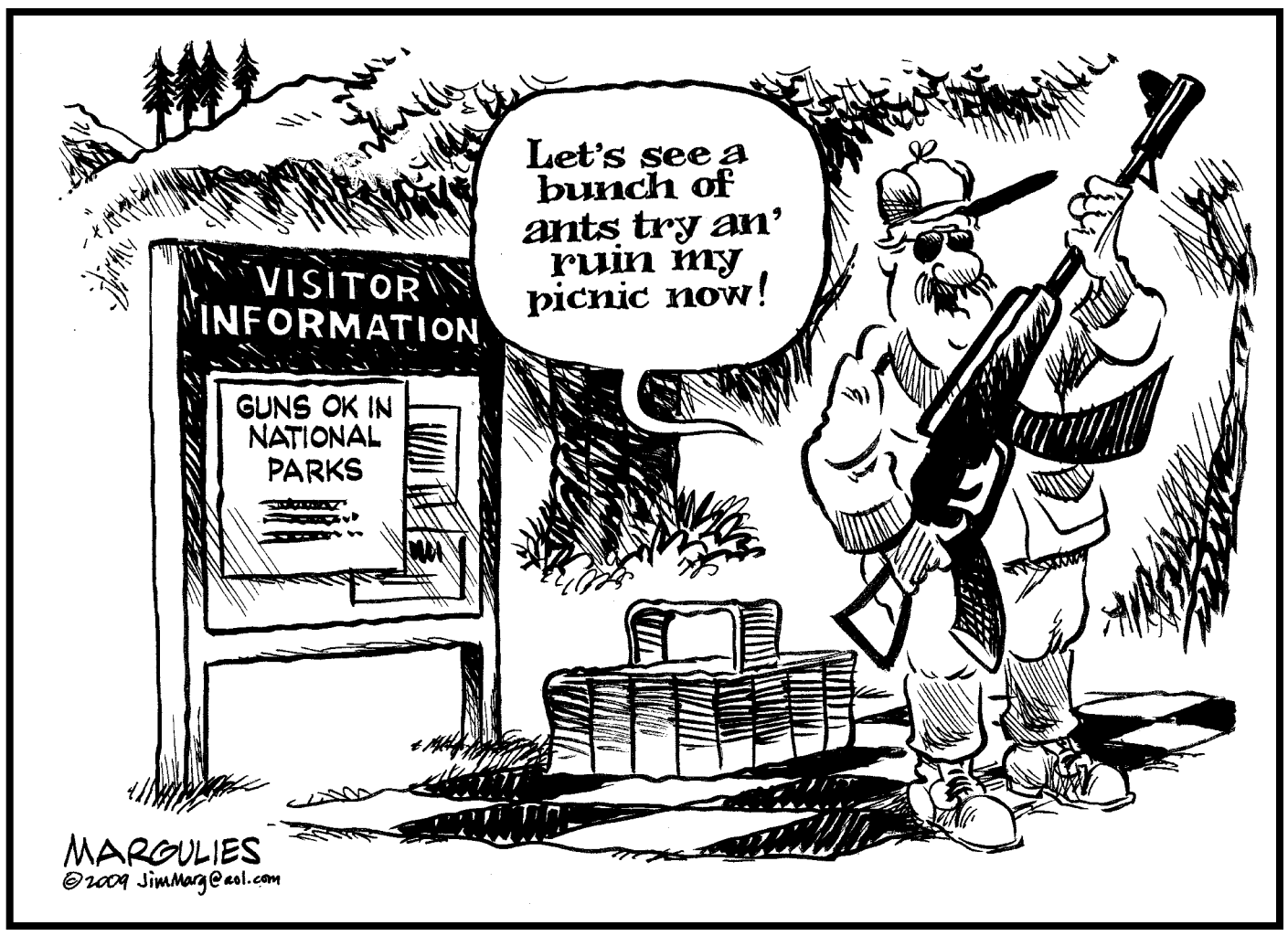
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## EDITORIAL

## Hitting the gas

To listen to the global-warming deniers, the Obama administration's announcement Tuesday that it plans to restrict greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles will hurt the economy, force consumers to buy cars they don't want and endanger the lives of motorists. The opposite is closer to the truth.

Until the banking crisis overtook the issue, the nation's top economic concern was high gasoline prices. The financial meltdown caused oil prices to plummet, but that will change when the economy recovers. Improving fuel efficiency will dramatically reduce U.S. demand, which accounts for one-quarter of the world's oil demand. That will put far more downward pressure on prices, and do it more quickly, than opening more domestic land to drilling possibly could.

President Barack Obama announced that the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency will work together to improve the average fuel economy of vehicles sold in the United States to 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016. This should render moot a separate effort by California and 13 other states to regulate tailpipe emissions and assure a unified national standard for new vehicles. That ultimately will benefit automakers.

The safety argument is based on studies that have shown past regulation of fuel efficiency increased the number of deaths in auto accidents by encouraging smaller and lighter vehicles. That's mainly because people in lighter cars are in greater danger when they're in accidents involving heavier ones; if everybody drove smaller cars, we'd all be safer. Future cars will have more efficient engines, transmissions and tires, none of which will affect size, and they probably will be built from lighter and stronger materials that will enhance safety. These elements will add to a new car's cost—about $1,300 more per vehicle by 2016, according to the Obama administration—but consumers will more than make up the difference in fuel savings.

The crackdown on vehicles comes as Congress is debating a groundbreaking bill to regulate greenhouse gases in nearly every sector of the U.S. economy, and Obama has put lawmakers and industry on notice: If they don't act, the administration is willing to do the job. The EPA is empowered to regulate these gases under the Clean Air Act, and the kind of command-and-control measures it would implement probably would be far more costly to polluters than the cap-and-trade scheme being negotiated in Congress. Cutting a deal that heads off such intervention is in everybody's interest.

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# Computers for the Commonwealth

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*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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Last year I learned to fly an Airbus A300 (my first Airbus; I was flying a Boeing before that), after which I found myself merrily jetting around some interesting parts of the world. I also managed to start a small business that took me to Hong Kong and other places, and, throughout all of this, be it in the cockpit, or in hotels, or in meeting rooms, or in cafes, or in the tropics, or in the snow, or, well, anywhere else, I was always hauling around my notebook computer.

And I do mean always. That notebook is just part of life for me. It's not that big of a notebook, but once you add the power brick and something to carry it all in, it tips the scales just shy of nine pounds.

Anyway, still looking back at last year, I happened to be in Taiwan when a Taiwanese company called Asustek launched a teeny, tiny, almost toy-looking model of a "netbook" computer they called the Eee PC. I don't know if it was the very first netbook, or just one of the first, but, either way, it was the first time that I'd seen one. And when I first spied it, I realized that if the netbook really worked and wasn't just a toy, it would be perfect for Saipan duty.

> *'I'm totally convinced that netbooks are a match made in heaven for* CNMI *duty. They are (a) highly portable, (b) can save your bacon during a long blackout, and (c) are laughably cheap (as computers go), which is just the ticket for a tropical environment that will ruin just about any computer eventually.'*

After all, Saipan has a lot of fleet-footed travelers. A cheap, tiny, portable computer would have a real place in island life.

Unfortunately, when I spied that early netbook computer, it didn't strike me as very useful. So I didn't know if they would evolve into really useful devices.

Well, they did. Big time.

In fact, netbooks are the big thing in tech right now. I bought my wife one last week, and after I set it up for her I thought: WOW! I liked it so much that I'm getting one for myself, too.

Every big name PC manufacturer that I can think of makes netbooks now: Lenovo, Dell, Asustek, Acer, HP, Samsung, and so on. Of course, different models have different specs, but a typical netbook these days has a 10 inch screen (approximately), 160 gigabytes of hard drive capacity, the Windows XP operating system, an Intel Atom 1.6 ghz processor, three USB ports, WiFi connectivity, and all the usual computer stuff except for an optical drive. Add a big battery (if you order a model so equipped) that will chug along for, say, six or seven or even more hours, and it all comes to a three-pound machine that will cost, oh, $350 or so.

The one I got my wife, and am getting for myself, is the Acer Aspire One with a 10.1-inch screen. I have no idea if this is the best one to get, so I'm not recommending it, but I'm totally convinced that netbooks are a match made in heaven for CNMI duty. They are (a) highly portable, (b) can save your bacon during a long blackout, and (c) are laughably cheap (as computers go), which is just the ticket for a tropical environment that will ruin just about any computer eventually.

I'm writing this column on the wife's netbook, and, though the small keyboard certainly is not as comfortable as a full-sized computer keyboard, it's OK for churning out a page or two of text.

As cool as netbooks are, there are some weird quirks lurking out there. I've yet to see a model with a point-stick device, they all have touchpads, which I happen to loathe. No surprise, then that people commonly get a mouse to bundle with their netbooks, but for me that would defeat the entire purpose of having a minimally-sized computer.

Meanwhile, I'll note that some brands have shrunken "shift" keys on the right side, which will drive a touch typist totally bonkers. Those of you who buy netbooks, and many of you will, will be well-advised to give the keyboards a lot of scrutiny; you can't take anything for granted.

As for size, this Acer is probably typical: Fold a sheet of typing paper in half; that's the approximate screen size. Unfold the paper, cut off the top inch of it, and you've got the approximate foot print of the computer.

For CNMI residents, this is an exciting development. Netbooks seem tailor-made for tropical duty. The hope of last year has become a reality.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Price fixing?

Over a period of many years, a system of disbursing energy commodities, namely gasoline, has evolved that has the distinct flavor of price fixing written all over it. If you take a look at the historical retail pricing of gasoline you will see that the two companies that supply it to Saipan charge the same amount (down to the tenth of a penny), shift prices, up or down, nearly simultaneously (within days, usually hours), and in general make every appearance of being one big happy monopoly instead of two competing companies. Historically they have gotten away with this illegal activity and that has made them even more bold about it. Last week we saw a prime example. One retailer jumped the gun and raised prices on fuel then rushed to "roll back" the price the next day while waiting for the other retailer to jack its price up. Once the "agreed upon" time arrived, sure enough, both companies raised prices once again to exactly the same retail price. Coincidence? Sort of unlikely.

We all understand the commodity they sell is a basic necessity for life in a modern society. Families need it, businesses small and large need it, you and I need it, even the gas companies themselves cannot get along without the stuff. We all also understand that we are a small and physically isolated marketplace that can easily be taken advantage of.

These two companies, no matter how many softball teams they might sponsor and no matter how much they advertise that they "give back" to the community, they do the giving and the sponsoring with ill-gotten, maybe even illegally gotten money. Price fixing, bid rigging, and other forms of collusion are illegal and are subject to criminal prosecution by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. *Price fixing* is an agreement between business competitors to sell the same product or service at the same price. It is against the law.

The U.S. Department of Justice points out that collusion and price fixing are more likely to occur when several market conditions prevail.

When there are few sellers. (We in the CNMI have only two—a duopoly).

When the commodity being sold cannot be easily substituted for another (We would have a hard time putting water or iced tea in our gas/diesel tanks).

When a product is standardized. (Gasoline certainly meets this criterion. Gas is gas…not much separates one brand from the next).

When the sellers know each other through social connections, trade associations or legitimate business contacts. (It is hard *not* to know your competitor on an island this size).

That same DoJ points out that to give in to temptation to fix prices carries a heavy penalty under the Sherman Act. Each violation can produce a fine of up to $10 million for companies or 350 thousand dollars for individuals for each offence. How many times has gas sold for the exact same amount on Saipan no matter which station or brand? Price fixing can also violate provisions of the wire fraud and mail fraud statutes and other federal felony laws. This is serious business indeed.

I wonder when the Justice Department will start taking a cold hard look at the facts in the case of petroleum product sales in the CNMI. A Kindergarten student could compile a list of 50 or 100 newspaper articles that quote specific pricing and timing violations here in the CNMI. Imagine if a dedicated team of professional federal investigators got their hands on this. Maybe we would get a fair shake and a fair price for a change—once the violators got out of jail.

**Rep. Stanley T. Torres**
*Capital Hill, Saipan*

# Misled on Galvin

I was at the Board of Education committee meeting when board member Galvin Guerrero made the suggestion that PSS simply adopt the religion course credits that have already been earned by students coming from the private schools. Board member Galvin Guerrero never implied that PSS endorse the *teaching of religion* in the Public School system but to allow these students to keep a limited number of religious credits as *electives* for their transcript purposes only—meaning the courses will not even count toward their graduation requirements. Many of these transferring students will need these credits, especially if they choose to seek a Theological or Philosophy degree and it would be very helpful to the students to have these courses as part of their graduation electives on their official high school transcripts. Mr. Guerrero was simply trying to help the students keep something they have earned as part of their official record and nothing more. As you can see, the person who wrote about Board member Galvin DL Guerrero violating the law was misled. I will applaud them on doing their homework and researching the case history but none of those cases apply as there was never the slightest hint that religion would be taught in the Public School System.

I can understand a person being misled about what board member Galvin Guerrero said and intended but what I truly question is the use of Galvin Guerrero's statement to promote Herman Guerrero, who wasn't at the meeting. It just amazes me how the author implied that he was right about the religion issue and that Galvin Guerrero was wrong. Twisting issues with subliminal and subversive attacks on people while promoting himself is exactly what I faced on the Board, it's exactly what John Joyner faced when he ran against Herman Guerrero when there were full page prejudice ads saying "Vote for locals only." It doesn't surprise me that Galvin Guerrero is now being subjected to the same strategy since he is running against Herman Guerrero's brother. Two and two equals four and I'm sure people with common sense can perform this simple addition and connect the dots that lead right back the Herman Guerrero's style of politics.

The attack on Galvin Guerrero was more of a subliminal political attack than it was about education and law. I'm sure people can see the truth for what it is now that I have clarified what was really said in the meeting. On a personal note, I believe Galvin Guerrero and board member Tanya King are our best hope on the board for improvements in the outcomes of students, improvements in the teacher workforce and real reforms in the way PSS functions and performs. To the misled author, the next time you go out on a limb for someone, make sure the limb is strong enough to support you because the facts just don't support your letter or you. I hope this little education about educators has been an eye-opener.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**
*Kagman, Saipan*

# A coming wave of inflation

During the last month I have made trips to San Francisco, Tokyo and Hong Kong. While I was in these places—among the most expensive cities in the world—I compared the cost of goods: food, white goods and hardware. Your readers are probably not surprised to learn that many prices on Saipan appear to be going even higher than in these expensive locations. For example I did one-on-one item comparisons and found the same items are 30 percent to 300 percent higher here. Don't take my word for this bad news: a recent article on Yahoo.com, "Warehouse Club Price Comparisons," published on May 17, 2009, showed the following prices:

- 1.5 dozen eggs, large size, $1.50
- Strawberries, fresh, 2 lbs, $3.50
- Skippy Creamy Peanut butter, (2) 40 oz jars, $6.99
- Tide Original Liquid Detergent 170 oz. $20.99
- Pepsi, 36 cans, $9.49
- Huggies Step 4 diaper, 176 count, $42.79
- Compare them yourselves with prices here and I think you will get the idea. Inflation has already hit the CNMI. Many Hong Kong prices were lower, and some Tokyo prices were also lower than here. For example fresh strawberries imported from California in Hong Kong were $5 for 2 pounds. Our Saipan home grown vegetables are about the same price as California and Hong Kong but imported items are 100 percent higher on Saipan.

My study is not scientific but we should ask: Are the reasons for higher prices on Saipan due to higher shipping, logistics, tax and distribution cost? Most of these same costs also apply outside Saipan. Our markets are small and mostly below a critical mass in size to gain from economy of scale. This may be the reason for our high prices. Gasoline prices are always higher here. When I take into account state, national and local taxes, including the $0.15/gal. CNMI tax, it cost about $1.35/gal more for gasoline here versus the U.S. Is this all due to shipping and storage cost?

The above is our current situation. I believe that the coming inflation could be the hangman's noose for all of us in the CNMI. There is a wave of inflation coming, I think most people realize this. It has to do with federalization, minimum wage increases, CUC power and water cost and projected increases, poor productivity, and inefficient government.

Washington D.C. is not helping us either. The Climate Security Act of 2007 (S. 2191), also called the Cap and Trade Tax legislation, is moving through the U.S. Congress now! This new tax on energy could add $800 to $1,300 per household in 2015. Electricity prices could increase 36 percent to 65 percent in the same period. This is according to the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation.

What can we do as a community to survive this coming wave of inflation? The huge forces that are impacting us are coming from off our islands. We need to:

1) Generate our own power. We are energy-rich with wave, wind, ocean currents, and solar.
2) It may be time to consider co-ops as a way to buy collectively.
3) Grow our own food,
4) Elect a better government to lead us.
5) Link ourselves more to Asia for supplies.
6) Encourage, through legislation, our business community to work together to lower prices and become more competitive.
7) Seek help from the USA to understand the stress they are imposing.
8) Let work hard together to establish our "Community of Excellence".

Even with all of these problems the future is bright! To quote a local businessman, "There are diamonds on our islands, let us find them!" Time is not waiting for us!

**Frank Stewart**
*Capital Hill, Saipan*

# Rotting roadkill

I was at a government agency in Garapan on Wednesday, and a nice lady I was speaking to told me the dead, bloated cat in front of their office had been lying there for three days. She called various agencies, all claiming it is not their responsibility. In the meantime, hundreds of tourists walk by the carcass two feet from the sidewalk, covering their nose from the stench. The CNMI claims we need more tourists, yet we can't even pick up rotting roadkill.

May I suggest we put in a hotline for roadkill so that it is picked up and disposed of as soon as it is called in? I remember reading a few months ago that there is no budget to pick up roadkill. Excuse me, but what kind of budget do you need to pick up roadkill anyway? An able body, two plastic gloves, a shovel, a trash bag, and a pickup truck. Case closed.

**Ed Propst**
*Danda, Saipan*

# Congratulations to NMC graduates

Congratulations to graduates from NMC Saipan, NMC Rota, and NMC Tinian. We hope that more students like you choose to stay and attend NMC, before going off to other colleges in the nation. As an NMC graduate, you have helped our dying economy by investing in our local college. NMC is our only community college on the island and we hope that it continues to be accredited by WASC. We hope that the NMC president can work better with the entire staff to achieve the college's goals and that politics does not get in the way of hiring or firing anymore. Please sign up as an NMC alumni member so that you can network with other alumni, as well as take advantage of free access to NMC facilities and discounts to businesses.

On behalf of the NMC Alumni, congratulations!

**Jesse Jones Torres**
*NMC Alumni President*

# Thank you to Miss Earth Diva

I would like to extend a warm *si yu'us ma'ase* to the sponsors, contestants and organizers of the very successful Miss Earth Diva pageant.

Environmental outreach is one of the most important activities of the Beautify CNMI coalition and your partners are very appreciative of all the hard work you put into promoting environmental stewardship during the pageant.

Congratulations on a successful event and thank you once again for your support.

**Angelo Villagomez**
*Gualo Rai, Saipan*

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲88° ▼79° | ▲88° ▼79° | ▲88° ▼79° | ▲88° ▼79° | ▲88° ▼79° |

## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Sunny | ▲85 | ▼76 |
| Palau | Showers | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Showers | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Partly Sunny | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲85 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Majuro | Rain | ▲82 | ▼79 |

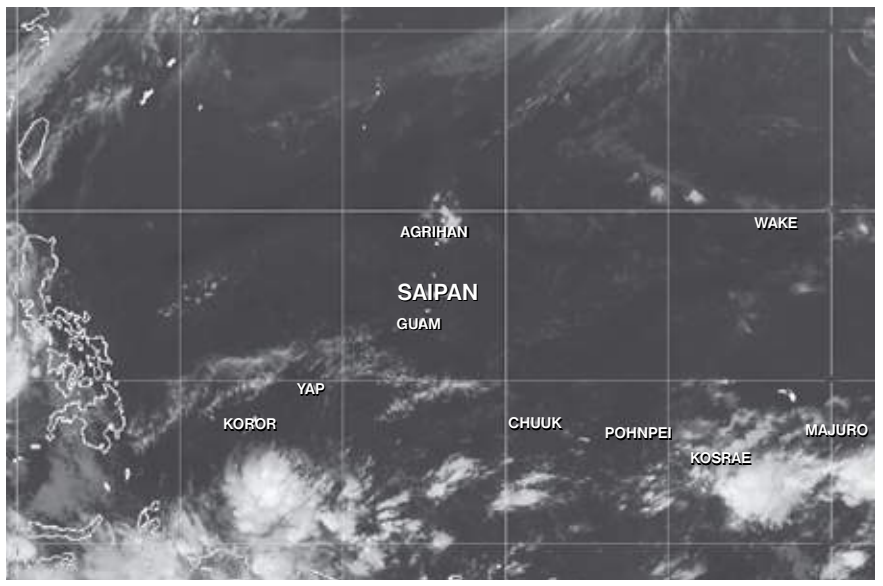
## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲54 | ▼41 |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | ▲90 | ▼66 |
| Hong Kong | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼79 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Cloudy | ▲83 | ▼69 |
| London | Partly Sunny | ▲66 | ▼45 |
| Los Angeles | Cloudy | ▲74 | ▼58 |
| Manila | Mostly Sunny | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲70 | ▼56 |
| Miami | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼74 |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼62 |
| Osaka | Showers | ▲78 | ▼59 |
| Paris | Partly Sunny | ▲67 | ▼49 |
| Pusan | Cloudy | ▲75 | ▼54 |
| Rome | Partly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼61 |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲71 | ▼42 |
| San Francisco | Cloudy | ▲66 | ▼51 |
| Seoul | Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼56 |
| Tokyo | Showers | ▲74 | ▼65 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲84 | ▼62 |

## Tides

| Saipan Harbor | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4:59 AM Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 12:08 PM Today | Low Tide: | 0.1 Feet |
| 6:53 PM Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is creating scattered showers over Minami Tori Shima but just north of Wake Island north of a line from 17N148E to 20N168E to 20N170E. Aided by upper-level divergence, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Wake Island north of a line from 19N170E to 18N176E to 20N180. A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward from Mindanao to southeast of Koror at 3N137E then continues east-southeastward to end at EQ158E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the trough axis south of Palau, Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei or south of a line from 2N130E to 8N144E to 6N152E to 8N155E to 3N162E. Trade-wind convergence is combining with favorable upper-level winds to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Kosrae, Majuro and Tarawa Atoll but south of Kwajalein between the equator and 8N from 162E to 180.

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:47 AM | 6:41 PM |
| Saturday | 5:47 AM | 6:41 PM |
| Sunday | 5:46 AM | 6:41 PM |
| Monday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 3:24 AM | 4:23 PM |
| Saturday | 4:10 AM | 5:24 PM |
| Sunday | 5:02 AM | 6:29 PM |
| Monday | 6:01 AM | 7:35 PM |
| Tuesday | 7:05 AM | 8:40 PM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 9, 2009

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9597 | 11:50am | 12:25pm | 1,7 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9317 | 4:30am | 5:20am | Daily |
| CO9313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| CO9597 | 11:50am | 1:20pm | 1, 7 |
| CO9601 | 12:30pm | 1:20pm | 4, 5 |
| CO9603 | 3:30pm | 4:20pm | Daily |
| CO9605 | 6:30pm | 7:20pm | Daily |
| CO9599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

**GUAM-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9598 | 2:20am | 2:50am | 5, 6 |
| CO9312 | 12:10pm | 12:40pm | 6 |

**GUAM-PALAU (ROR)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO893 | 5:50pm | 6:50pm | 3, 5 |
| CO953 | 6:50pm | 7:50pm | 1, 7 |
| CO953 | 7:35pm | 10:05pm | 2, 4, 6 |

**PALAU (ROR)-MANILA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO893 | 7:35pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 |

**GUAM-MANILA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO893 | 5:50pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 via ROR |
| CO933 | 7:00pm | 8:40pm | Daily |
| PR111 | 6:00am | 7:45am | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW99 | 6:00am | 8:40am | Daily |
| NW78 | 9:00am | 2:05pm | Daily via NGO |
| NW75 | 3:50pm | 6:25am | Daily |

**GUAM-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO961 | 6:35am | 9:10am | Daily |
| NW83 | 8:00am | 1:55pm | Daily via KIX |
| CO6 | 12:00pm | 2:45pm | Daily |
| NW73 | 4:05pm | 7:00pm | Daily |
| CO963 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ119 | 4:00am | 6:40am | 1 |
| OZ119 | 4:20am | 7:00am | 4,6 |

**GUAM-OSAKA (KIX)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW83 | 8:00am | 10:45am | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW78 | 9:00am | 11:40am | Daily |

**GUAM-NAGOYA (NGO)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO971 | 7:45am | 10:30am | Daily |
| NW23 | 4:10pm | 7:05pm | Daily |
| CO975 | 4:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | excl 1 |
| OZ119 | 4:00am | 11:20am | 1 via KIX |
| OZ119 | 4:20am | 11:20am | 4, 6 via KIX |

**SEOUL (ICN)-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ721 | 9:05am | 11:45am | Daily |
| OZ723 | 7:45pm | 10:30pm | Daily |

**SEOUL (ICN)-MANILA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ701 | 8:35am | 11:25am | Daily |
| OZ703 | 7:50pm | 10:50pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

### ARRIVALS

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9598 | 3:25am | 4:00am | 5, 6 |
| CO9312 | 1:20pm | 1:55pm | 6 |

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9316 | 2:20am | 3:10am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 |
| CO9598 | 2:20am | 4:00am | 5, 6 via ROP |
| CO9596 | 7:00am | 5:00am | Daily |
| CO9600 | 10:20am | 11:10am | Daily x6 |
| CO9312 | 12:10pm | 1:55pm | 6 |
| CO9602 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| CO9604 | 5:00pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| CO9606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9597 | 12:50pm | 1:20pm | 1, 7 |

**PALAU (ROR)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO954 | 1:10am | 5:30am | 3, 5, 7 |
| CO954 | 1:45am | 4:40am | 1, 2 |
| CO892 | 2:35am | 5:30am | 4, 6 |

**MANILA-PALAU (ROR)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO892 | 10:10pm | 1:50am+1 | 3, 5 |

**MANILA-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO892 | 10:10pm | 5:30am+1 | 3, 5 via ROR |
| CO934 | 10:55pm | 4:30am+1 | Daily |
| PR110 | 10:00pm | 4:00am | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW76 | 10:00am | 2:35pm | Daily |
| NW77 | 6:30pm | 1:40am+1 | Daily via NGO |
| NW100 | 7:50pm | 12:30am+1 | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW74 | 10:00am | 2:50pm | Daily |
| CO962 | 10:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| CO7 | 3:50pm | 8:25pm | Daily |
| NW84 | 6:20pm | 1:40am+1 | Daily |
| CO964 | 8:25pm | 1:00am+1 | Daily |
| NW82 | 8:30pm | 1:05am+1 | 4 |
| NW82 | 8:30pm | 1:20am+1 | X 4 |

**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ120 | 9:55pm | 2:20am+1 | 3, 5, 6 |

**OSAKA (KIX)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW84 | 9:05pm | 1:40am+1 | Daily |

**NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW77 | 9:10pm | 1:40am | Daily |

**NAGOYA (NGO)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW24 | 10:00am | 2:35pm | Daily |
| CO970 | 11:30am | 4:30pm | Daily |
| CO972 | 8:25pm | 12:55am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ120 | 7:10pm | 2:20am+1 | 3, 5, 6 via KIX |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | excl 7 |

**HONG KONG-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724 | 12:30am | 5:05am | Daily |
| OZ722 | 1:15pm | 5:45pm | Daily |

**MANILA-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ702 | 12:45pm | 5:45pm | Daily |
| OZ704 | 11:50pm | 4:40am+1 | Daily |

**SHANGHAI-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:00am | 7:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:50am | 8:20am | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:00am | 9:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:50am | 10:15am | Daily |
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:00pm | 4:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:50pm | 5:25pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:00pm | 6:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:45pm | 7:15pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45am | 6:55am | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30am | 7:40am | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00am | 8:10am | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40am | 8:50am | Daily |
| FRE 109* | 9:10am | 9:20am | Daily |
| FRE 111* | 10:45am | 10:55am | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40am | 11:50am | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 1:00pm | 1:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 2:30pm | 2:40pm | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 4:00pm | 4:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 4:40pm | 4:50pm | Daily |
| FRE 123 * | 5:40pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| FRE 125 * | 6:00pm | 6:10pm | Daily |
| **Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05am | 7:15am | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50am | 8:00am | Daily |
| FRE 106** | 8:20am | 8:30am | Daily |
| FRE 108** | 9:00am | 9:10am | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00am | 10:10am | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05am | 11:15am | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00pm | 12:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 1:30pm | 1:40pm | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 2:50pm | 3:00pm | Daily |
| FRE 120** | 4:20pm | 4:30pm | Daily |
| FRE 122** | 5:00pm | 5:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 6:05pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 6:20pm | 6:30pm | Daily |

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# Meeting to focus on critical role of HR

Karen L. Verrico, CAE, the Field Services director for the Pacific West Region of the Society for Human Resource Management, will be the guest speaker at the upcoming special membership meeting of the SHRM CNMI Chapter. Verrico will speak on the critical role human resources play in today's economic downturn.

Innovative strategies HR professionals are employing to minimize crippling layoffs, to maintain morale and employee engagement, and to retain top talent during this crisis will be highlighted. Examples will be from the case studies submitted in the SHRM Economic Stimulus Prize contest and recent research by SHRM.

The Chapter special meeting will be held May 26, 2009, at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Doors open at 11:15am for registration.

Cost for Chapter members is $20 and $30 for non-SHRM members (Government Purchase Orders accepted). Cost includes lunch and materials. Reservations are requested. Individuals interested in attending this meeting should contact Marlene C. Cruz at marleneccruz@hotmail.com or by calling 233-4647; Denise Montegnegro at 323-5866; or Frannie T. Salas at 234-6925/6958 or via email at francestsalas@gmail.com.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization.

Human resource and management professionals who are not members of SHRM are encouraged to join. Membership applications can be obtained at the meeting or by contacting Salas. ***(SHRM)***

# Ichihara, Hart to get NMC Academic Excellence Awards

The Northern Marianas College will confer its highest academic honors on Angel Hart and Keoni Ichira as this year's outstanding graduates among all bachelor degree candidates.

The two are among the 238 students who are slated to march on Saturday at the college's commencement ceremony, to be held at Marianas High School gymnasium.

The Academic Excellence Award is bestowed on students with the highest grade point average.

Hart and Ichira are both taking up bachelor's degree in elementary education at the college and will soon be joining the Public School System workforce.

"We are extremely proud of them and the hard work, commitment, and the perseverance they have consistently demonstrated in the past few years," said Cyndi Deleon Guerrero, director of the NMC School of Education.

In an interview, both students described their influences, challenges, and also offered some advice to new college students.

Ichihara

Hart

"One of the challenges I faced during my studies was being able to support two kids while I finished my degree," Hart said. "I had a very good support system at work, a caring fiancée, and friends that kept me focused on the end result."

Ichihara said his main sources of inspiration were his family, parents, and friends. "They have been extremely supportive," he said.

Ichihara also added that one of the most important lessons he learned through his studies is that "every student and child deserves a chance to succeed."

Hart, on the other hand, said that one of the most important lessons she learned while pursuing her degree was that "we never stop learning."

Asked about her favorite class, Hart said, "All of the classes I took were my favorite because they all brought something to the table that taught me what it is to be an educator."

Both recommend that students start their college education at the Northern Marianas College.

"I especially recommend NMC to those who cannot afford to go off island to get their degree," said Hart. "In your classes and your degree program, NMC becomes your family, and on Saipan, family is the most important thing in our lives."

Ichihara recommends NMC especially for those who are not sure about where to go just yet, "because NMC is a good place to start."

Ichihara also advises students who are just beginning their college studies to "believe in yourself."

Hart recommends that students "should keep their focus and should not let little setbacks stop them from moving forward."

"Above all," Hart added, "have fun." ***(NMC)***

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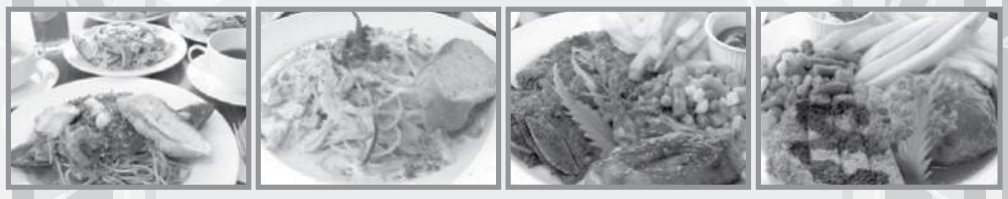

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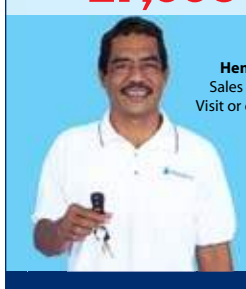
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# Bank of Hawaii donates $5,000 to NMC Foundation

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John Sheather, senior vice president/deputy division manager of the Bank of Hawaii's Pacific Islands Division, presents a $5,000 check to Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, second from left, and NMC Foundation president Ben Babauta, far right.

## Bank also providing $25K hole-in-one prize

The Bank of Hawaii recently donated $5,000 to the Northern Marianas College Foundation in support of the upcoming 7th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament.

"The Northern Marianas College has been serving the educational needs of the community for close to 30 years," said John Sheather, senior vice president/deputy division manager of Bank of Hawaii's Pacific Islands Division. "We are proud to help the institution further its mission of helping CNMI residents improve their quality of life through educational advancement and professional development."

The Bank of Hawaii is also providing a $25,000 cash prize for anyone who makes a hole-in-one on Hole No. 13 during the Foundation Open golf tournament.

"The Bank of Hawaii has been a steadfast supporter of the Northern Marianas College for many years," said Ben Babauta, president of the NMC Foundation. "We are extremely grateful for their continued support and generosity."

The NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to support the Northern Marianas College, the CNMI's lone postsecondary educational institution. The organization is composed of individuals who are dedicated and committed to ensuring that CNMI students receive the utmost support in pursuing their educational goals.

The NMC Foundation Open golf tournament, the organization's signature event, aims to raise critical funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

"Bank of Hawaii's donation symbolizes that company's commitment to higher education," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "We are deeply thankful for the contribution."

Saipan Laolao will play host to the 7th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament, scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2009. For sponsorship information or to register to play, contact 234-5498 Ext. 1050. ***(NMC)***



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# Gus Kaipat performs at California State U

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Gus Kaipat performs for a crowd gathered at California State University.

Gus Kaipat, Saipan's local favorite musician and lead singer of Olomwaay, recently performed solo for a crowd gathered at California State University for a pre-screening of a soon-to-be completed PBS documentary on the Commonwealth.

Kaipat was flown to California earlier this month to work with award-winning editor and sound mixer and composer Todd Boekelheide, who was hired to compose the score for the film Insular Empire: America in the Marianas.

Film director, co-producer and cinematographer Vanessa Warheit of Horse Opera Productions told Kaipat: "I really want to include your 'local' sensibilities and musical talent in the score."

This important documentary film explores the political relationship between the United States, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To learn more about the film and to see a short trailer, visit www.horseopera.org. Donations in any amount toward the finishing of the film are being accepted. ***(PR)***

# Red flag up at 7 Saipan beaches

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six beaches on Saipan and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this site for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Obyan Beach, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach Drainage, and Civic Center Beach.

Water samples taken from these sites were found to contain concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzed water samples taken from 38 of Saipan's east and south recreational beaches this week as part of routine sampling.

Marine Water Reports are provided at www.deq.gov.mp/section.aspx?secID=4 and http://www.cnmicoralreef.net/wq/beachcloseweeklyresults.htm. Interested individuals and organizations may also receive e-mail notifications of the weekly marine water quality reports. To do so, send an e-mail to environment@deq.gov.mp.

For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

## Saipan Chamber of Commerce
## Coordinator

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is looking for a methodical and organized individual with initiative and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

**Job duties include:**

- Performance of general office skills;
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**Minimum requirements:**

- U.S. citizenship;
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- Valid CNMI driver's license, insurance, and own working vehicle;
- Flexibility in work schedule;
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- Competence in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook; working knowledge of computers and other office equipment; and
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# Murder suspect had prior burglary arrest in 2007

Ezra Kaainoa Deleon Guerrero, the suspect in the murder of 65-year-old Korean businessman Jae Soung Shim, was arrested in July 2007 for alleged burglary and criminal mischief.

A check with the Superior Court yesterday showed, however, that the 25-year-old suspect was not charged in connection with that burglary and criminal mischief case.

Court records indicate that Deleon Guerrero has no criminal case. He, however, has a civil case.

In March 2003, Pedro J. Igitol and CGU Insurance sued Deleon Guerrero over a vehicular accident along As Matuis Road in March 2001.

Igitol was driving his Toyota Land Cruiser when a Toyota Corolla driven by the defendant swerved and struck Igitol's car. Igitol's vehicle sustained damage in the amount of $13,900.

In June 2005, Deleon Guerrero signed an agreement with Igitol and CGU Insurance. He admitted negligence and agreed to pay $12,550. The court granted the stipulation.

In 2002, Deleon Guerrero suffered lacerations on the face when his cousin reportedly hit him with a large rock during a heated argument between family members.

Police arrested Deleon Guerrero on Tuesday for the murder of Shim during a robbery inside a store in Tanapag Sunday night. Autopsy showed that the victim sustained multiple skull fractures, the result of repeated blows to the head. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

# PIC donates toys, window to Russian children's hospital

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A staff at the Children's Hospital No. 3 in Vladivostok puts the Pacific Islands Club mascot Sihekey at the foot of the window the hotel donated. The hospital playroom is now safe and warm for kids to play in.

The Pacific Islands Club recently donated 12 soft toys and a "warm window" to the children's hospital in the Russian city of Vladivostok.

PIC Saipan and the Rotary Club of Saipan are the only foreign company and organization respectively that participated in this charity activity.

This effort was spearheaded by one of the city's biggest weekly newspaper, *Konkurent*, which sent this week pictures of the donated windows and toys from PIC and Rotary through Elly Stoilova, Russian/CIS market manager for PIC.

The Rotary Club of Saipan earlier donated two "warm windows" while its sister club, Rotary Club Vlad Eco (Vladivostok), also donated two, bringing the total to four that had already been installed at the Children's Hospital No. 3 in one of the coldest areas in Russia.

The hospital has 105 orphan kids age 3 weeks to 4 years old.

Stoilova said the 10 new windows were installed this week and total of 30 windows have been purchased for the hospital by local companies.

There are only six more windows to be secured. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

### AGENDA

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (April 30, 2009)

**II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**
1. ARFF Program Expansion
2. Maintenance Service Contract for Baggage Handing System (Vanderlande)
3. Revenue comparison 2008 to 2009 for Airport and Seaport
4. Accounts Receivables from Board and Staff
5. Personnel Matter: Contract Renewals
6. Proposed Organizational Charts
7. Independent Contracts
8. Acceptance of the Audit
9. Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) Audit Information
10. Procurement Matter: Request to increase Small Purchase Limit

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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# Guest workers unhappy with Fitial, Chamber testimonies

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
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REPORTER

Guest worker groups that held a peaceful assembly in Garapan are disappointed with the testimonies of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Saipan Chamber of Commerce president James Arenovski at the oversight hearing held early Wednesday.

After watching the hearing online, the group said the testimonies of both Fitial and Arenovski gave them the impression that long-term alien workers would not be able to get what they are asking for—improved immigration status in the CNMI.

Still, they held out hope and want to continue or even go beyond some of the recommendations made.

"We will not lose hope because the U.S. Congress will still have to decide on it," said the groups' spokesperson, Yho Villavicencio.

She said they watched and listened to the testimonies of Fitial and Arenovski during the prayer vigil on Wednesday night in front of the TSL Plaza, where they have been camping out since Monday morning. Their 72-hour peaceful assembly ended at 7am yesterday but they vowed to continue with their struggle.

In his testimony, Fitial categorically stated that guest workers should not be given a permanent status because they are just here to work. Arenovski, meanwhile, claimed that alien workers who are granted green cards will leave the CNMI in the long run.

"Despite of their statements, we will not stop here," said Villavicencio, adding that they will prepare a petition letter expressing their sentiments.

The petition letter will be addressed to members of the U.S. Congress, particularly House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Allan Miller, Daniel Akaka, and Bobby Rahal.

The worker groups estimated over 1,000 workers and supporters attended the vigil, including Rep. Tina Sablan.

"We want to extend our sincerest thanks to those who supported us, including those who are not visible and are silent," Villavicencio said.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement, said they feel that the assembly was a big success, with a lot of supporters turning in to extend their moral and material support.

Close to 3,000 workers have signed up with them, he said.

The group estimates that there are 14,000 guest workers in the CNMI.

The guest workers oppose any further delay in the implementation of federalization of immigration in the CNMI after November.

Jerry Loyola, left, assistant store team leader for Subway Investments Corp., congratulates Charles Peters, first place winner of the 16-39 age group in the recently concluded Gold's Gym Body Success Challenge.
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## Coke, Subway co-sponsor Body Success Challenge

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Johnnie Fong, managing director, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc. and president, Subway Investments Corporation, extends his felicitations to the winners and acknowledges those who participated in the competition as "an inspiration" to the community.

Fong said, "They have the ability to influence other people in making a decision to adopt a healthy and fit lifestyle. Their example will have a positive impact on the community."

Both Subway and Coke have extended monetary and product support to organizations that promote health and educational programs across the islands.

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Fong said, "Health has always been and continues to be a major platform our Group of Companies support. This partnership reinforces the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and what it means to our community."

Eric Plinske, president, Gold's Gym Saipan, expressed his gratitude to Subway, Coca Cola, and other major sponsors of the event for making the Body Success Challenge a huge success. He also thanked the participants noting that they will serve as good role models to those who would like to follow in their footsteps. ***(PR)***

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Interested party or person may contact Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director at 234-6245 for further information and Nanette Atalig, at 532-9408 to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

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Interested party or person are asked to submit their proposal at the CDA Saipan Office in a sealed envelop identified as "Sunset Villa Proposal" attention Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director. Deadline to submit proposal is **4:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2009.**

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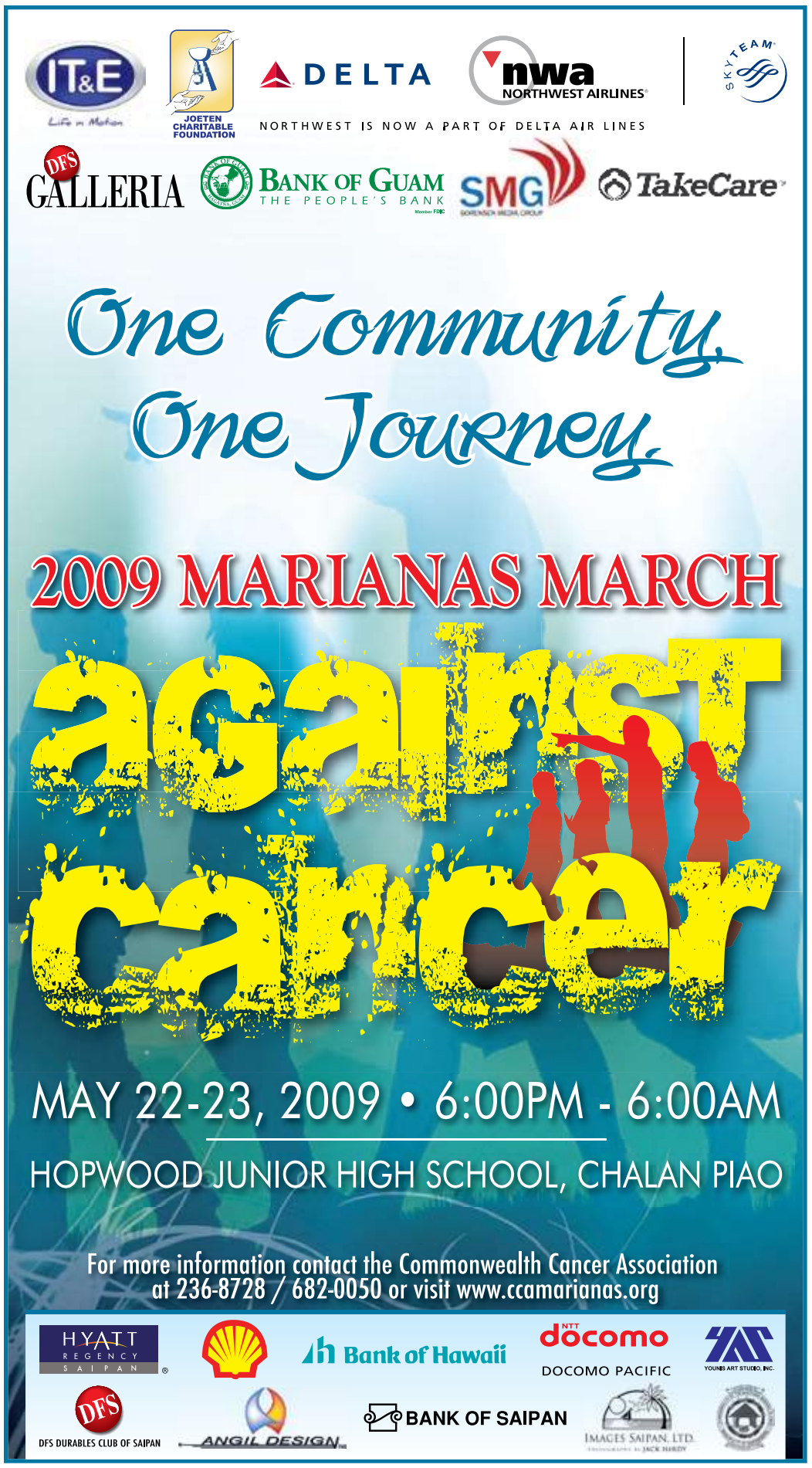


# Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Big changes in store for US credit cardholders

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Every American with a credit card will see sweeping changes in the market, with limits on sudden hikes in interest rates that drive consumers deeper into debt. Even cardholders who pay off their balance each month may face new annual fees or lose out on lucrative rewards programs. Congress wrapped up the legislation Wednesday and sent it to President Barack Obama, who plans to sign it on Friday. The bill will revolutionize the market by restricting when and how a card company can raise an individual's interest rate, who can receive a card and how much time people are given to pay their bill. In general, the new rules—which go into effect in nine months—will protect debt-ridden consumers from many of the surprise charges common in the industry, such as over-the-limit fees and costs for paying a bill by phone. "This cements a victory for every American consumer who has ever suffered at the hands of the credit card industry," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Banking Committee. But there will be losers too. Banks, which oppose the legislation, will need to make up the cost somewhere, and cardholders who pay off their balance in full each month could see new annual fees and lucrative rewards programs canceled. Credit could become harder to come by too.

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### Geithner says major banks have raised $56 billion

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Declaring that the financial system was "starting to heal," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Wednesday that major banks had raised $56 billion since stress tests showed several in need of more capital—a sign of emerging investor confidence. Geithner also said a public private program announced in March to rid institutions of their worst assets would be in place by July. The hopeful assessment was laden with caution, however. Geithner pointedly warned the committee that he would not discuss an "exit strategy" for the government's $700 billion intervention in major private sector institutions. "It's not quite time yet," he told Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the committee. Confronting anxiety among both Democrats and Republicans, Geithner said that resolving the business entanglements of insurance conglomerate American International Group would take significantly longer that initially envisioned. And he disputed Republican assertions that bank repayments of government infusions cannot be used for further assistance to the financial system.

### Sony to slash suppliers as CEO's mettle tested

**TOKYO** (AP)—Sony Corp. said it will halve the number of parts suppliers to slash costs under a turnaround plan that's testing the mettle of Chief Executive Howard Stringer. The Japanese electronics and entertainment company plans to cut purchasing costs by 500 billion yen ($5.3 billion), or 20 percent of the 2.5 trillion yen spent during the fiscal year ended March, company spokeswoman Mami Imada said Thursday. Sony—whose businesses span video games, camcorders and flat-panel TVs as well as movies and music—has been restructuring under Stringer, a Welsh-born American who became the first foreigner to head Sony in 2005.

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# Nation

## ACROSS THE NATION

### 4 arrested in plot to bomb NYC temple

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The FBI arrested four men Wednesday in what authorities called a plot to detonate a bomb outside a Jewish temple and to shoot military planes with guided missiles. Officials told The Associated Press the arrests came after a long-running undercover operation that began in Newburgh, N.Y., about 70 miles north of New York City. James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen, all of Newburgh, were charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction within the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles, the U.S. attorney's office said.

### Police look for Minn. mother, son who fled chemo

**SLEEPY EYE, Minn.** (AP)—A courtroom clash between medicine and faith took a criminal turn, with police around the country on the lookout Wednesday for a Minnesota mother who fled with her cancer-stricken 13-year-old son rather than consent to chemotherapy. Colleen Hauser and her son, Daniel, were seen as recently as Tuesday morning in Southern California and might be headed to Mexico to seek treatment for Daniel's Hodgkin's lymphoma, authorities said Wednesday night. They would only say the pair's location was based on "reliable information." A court-ordered X-ray on Monday showed a tumor growing in Daniel's chest, and doctors said it will probably kill him without conventional medical treatment.

### 5 Ala. officers fired for beating caught on tape

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** (AP)—Five Birmingham police officers were fired Wednesday for beating an unconscious suspect ejected from a car after a chase, an attack captured on a patrol car videotape that didn't surface publicly for a year. Police Chief A.C. Roper said the officers, who were not identified, were seasoned veterans but acted in a "shameful" manner. The video shows police pursuing Anthony Warren's van on Jan. 23, 2008. One officer on foot was hurt when the van swerved through traffic. It overturned on a ramp, ejecting Warren, who lay motionless as officers ran toward him. The video shows them beating him with their fists, feet and a billy club.

### Suspect indicted in Chandra Levy slaying

**WASHINGTON (**AP)—The man accused of sexually assaulting and killing federal intern Chandra Levy in 2001 has been indicted on first-degree murder, kidnapping and other charges. Ingmar Guandique (gwahn-DEE-kay), 27, who is in custody, will be arraigned on May 27. He also faces a first-degree sexual abuse charge, according to the four-page indictment returned by a District of Columbia Superior Court grand jury on Tuesday. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday that the indictment "speaks for itself" and had no further comment.

# Official: Gitmo suspect to be sent to NY for trial

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A top al-Qaida suspect held at Guantanamo Bay will be sent to New York for trial, an Obama administration official said Wednesday, a major step in President Barack Obama's plan to close the detention center by early next year. Ahmed Ghailani would be the first Guantanamo detainee brought to the U.S. and the first to face trial in a civilian criminal court.

An official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to disclose the decision, told The Associated Press the administration has decided to bring Ghailani to trial in New York. He was indicted there for the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa—attacks that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. It was not immediately clear when the transfer would occur.

Ghailani, a Tanzanian, was categorized as a high-value detainee by U.S. authorities after he was captured in Pakistan in 2004 and transferred to the detention center at the U.S. naval base in Cuba two years later.

The official said the administration plans to announce Thursday morning that Ghailani will be brought to trial for the embassy attacks. Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd declined to comment.

The decision on the first U.S. trial of a Guantanamo detainee comes as President Barack Obama faces pressure from across the political spectrum on his plan to close the detention center by January 2010. Democrats have said they want to see the president's plan for closing the base before it funds the effort, and Republicans are fighting to keep Guantanamo open.

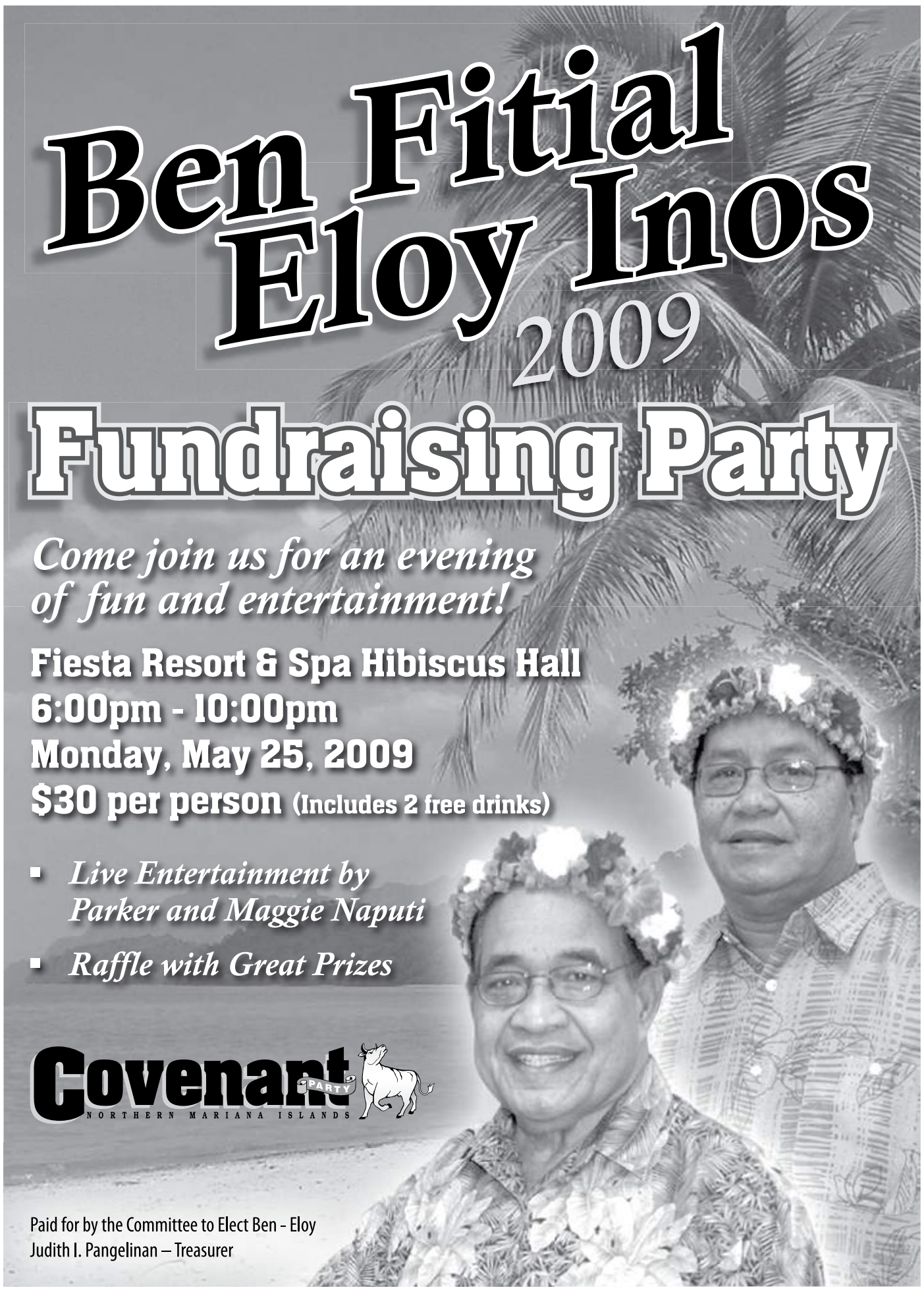
Some lawmakers have already voiced opposition to bringing Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. for trial, even in heavily guarded settings.

Obama is scheduled to give a major speech addressing Guantanamo and national security Thursday morning.

The AP reported in March that Ghailani was among a handful of high-value suspects prosecutors were considering bringing to trial on charges that predate the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Trying Ghailani for the embassy attacks may help prosecutors avoid legal challenges surrounding Ghailani's detention and treatment.

U.S. authorities say he helped plan and deliver the explosives in the embassy attack, and later rose up through the al-Qaida ranks.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6:00pm - 10:00pm
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## Request For Proposals
### Project No. CPA-RFP-001-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting for proposals for fuel supply (Diesel) to its airport and seaport on the island of Saipan. The contract term will be for one (1) year. Detailed scope of work will be available on May 27, 2009 at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Administration Office (2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal) at the Saipan International Airport.

Sealed proposals are to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on or before June 15, 2009 at the Executive Director's/Administration office (2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal) at the Saipan International Airport.

Questions can be submitted in writing by email or letter to the Executive Director before June 5, 2009.

# World

# US unit to leave Baghdad ahead of June 30 deadline

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—As his U.S. partners prepare to move, an Iraqi army captain pleads with his American counterpart to leave behind a generator so his soldiers can have electricity when city power fails.

Capt. Nathan Williams and 150 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment are getting ready to leave their base in Baghdad's Hurriyah neighborhood on May 30—one month ahead of the deadline for all U.S. combat forces to transfer from Iraqi cities to garrisons outside the towns.

They will hand over Hurriyah, scene of vicious Shiite-Sunni fighting three years ago, to an Iraqi battalion that is reputedly among the best in the Iraqi army.

But like many other Iraqi units, the battalion in Hurriyah suffers from supply problems, which make it difficult to operate effectively on their own.

That raises questions whether Iraqi forces can keep violence from flaring after the Americans depart.

"If our performance level now is running at 80 percent, it will be around 50 percent when you leave," Capt. Haleem Aweid told Williams at a recent meeting. "We need devices that can detect explosives. Our vehicles are breaking down fast. No army in the world can do its job without the equipment it needs regardless of how good its soldiers are."

He pleaded with Williams to persuade his superiors to leave behind one of the generators they have been using at the Finnish-built bomb shelter the Americans have called home since November.

Power supplies are still erratic, with most areas of Baghdad averaging 12 hours of power a day at best.

"I will be happy to raise the issue again with my superiors, but at the end I am bound by the rules," Williams said.

Later, Williams, 28, said the Iraqis would probably come up with their own generator.

"They have all the supplies they need," he said. "But they have a serious bureaucracy problem."

A Pentagon report in January found that as of October, only 17 of the 175 Iraqi combat battalions and two of the 34 National Police battalions could operate on their own.

Nevertheless, the U.S.-Iraqi security agreement requires American combat troops to leave urban areas by June 30 and relocate in huge garrisons on the edge of the cities. The move will be a major step toward the Dec. 31, 2011 deadline for all U.S. troops to leave Iraq.

The months following the pullout from the cities will be a crucial test for both the Iraqis and President Barack Obama's entire Iraq strategy.

In preparation for the transfer, Williams says his soldiers are patrolling Hurriyah much less frequently than before. Their Iraqi army counterparts are increasingly less enthusiastic about joint patrols, preferring instead to grow accustomed to doing things on their own.


## MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

3rd quarter Meeting
9:00a.m. - May 27, 2009 - Wednesday
Pacific Islands Club

**Agenda**

I. Preliminary Matters
  a. Call to order
  b. Adoption of Agenda
  c. Adoption of Minutes from 2/25/09 meeting
II. Old Business
  a. Outcome/results of letter to CGC Director regarding SAMHSA Children's Grant
  b. Sub-Committee reports
    i. Nomination/Membership/By-Laws (Janet)
    ii. Legislative/Regulatory (Tom)
    iii. Planning (Jennifer)
  c. MHPC/Coalition projects
  d. Rota Report
  e. Tinian Report (Winnie)
  f. TLC/Clubhouse updates
III. New Business
  a. Open Government Act Request (NMPASI)
  b. Block Grant
    i. FY10 Application Planning
      1. Previous (2005-2009) Block Grant expenditure report
      2. MHPC Review and Comments FY10 (Planning Committee)
IV. Misc/Announcement
  a. Stress Awareness Workshop-May 29, 2009 at NMPASI
V. Next Meeting
  a. August 26, 2009-PIC
VI. Adjournment



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**PURSUANT TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, DIEGO M. SONGAO HEREBY ANNOUNCES THAT THE ROTA CASINO GAMING COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING FOR 25 MAY 2009.**

**DATE:** **Monday, 25 May 2009**

**TIME:** **2:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** **Antonio Camacho Atalig Memorial Annex Building**
**Rota Casino Gaming Commission's Office**
**Tatachog, Rota, MP 96951**

AGENDA

**I.** **Call to Order**
**II.** **Roll Call**
**III.** **Adoption of Agenda**
**IV.** **Adoption of Minutes**
**V.** **Chairman's Report**
**VI.** **Old Business**
FY 2010 Budget
**VII.** **New Business**
None
**VIII.** **Miscellaneous**
**IX.** **Adjournment**

*At anytime during the meeting, the Commission may move to Executive Session.

/s/ **DIEGO M. SONGAO** **25 May 2009**
**Chairman**


## WORLD BRIEFS

### Myanmar junta closes Suu Kyi hearing again

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—Myanmar's government went back to barring reporters and diplomats from opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's trial on Thursday, a day after briefly allowing them inside the courtroom for the first time, an official said. It was unclear whether the junta would again reopen the proceedings. A government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists told The Associated Press that reporters and diplomats would be barred Thursday. The Nobel Peace laureate, who has been in detention without trial for more than 13 of the past 19 years, is accused of violating the terms of her house arrest after an American man stayed at her home without official permission.

### Car bomb blast kills 41 in northwest Baghdad

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A car bomb exploded Wednesday near several restaurants in a Shiite neighborhood of northwest Baghdad, killing 41 people and injuring more than 70, police and hospital officials said. No group claimed responsibility for the horrific blast but the style and location of the attack suggested it was carried out by Sunni extremists, such as al-Qaida in Iraq, in an apparent bid to rekindle sectarian warfare as the U.S. draws down forces in the capital. The blast appeared timed for maximum civilian casualties, going off about 7 p.m. when many Baghdad residents take advantage of cooler evening temperatures for shopping and dining in outdoor kebab restaurants.

### Georgian TV: Mutiny suspect killed, 2 wounded

**TBILISI, Georgia** (AP)—Police on Thursday killed an alleged organizer of a mutiny at a Georgian military earlier this month and wounded two others in a gunbattle, private Rustavi-2 television reported. The shootout erupted when police found the three suspects during a search in the capital, Tbilisi, Rustavi-2 reported. Interior Ministry official declined immediate comment. Rustavi-2 said Giorgy Krialashvili was killed and Koba Otanadze and Levan Ameridze were wounded and hospitalized. The suspects, former military officers, were wanted for their alleged roles in organizing a short-lived mutiny at a tank battalion headquarters in the ex-Soviet republic on May 5.

### Official: Pakistanis in Swat town fend off Taliban

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** (AP)—Armed residents confronted a group of Taliban fighters and foiled their attempt to sneak into a town in Pakistan's Swat Valley, the focus of a major military offensive against the insurgency, an official said Thursday. The attempted infiltration in Kalam indicated militants are feeling pinched by the army and are seeking new shelter, while the rare local resistance Wednesday suggested growing public confidence in an anti-Taliban operation supported by the United States. Deputy Mayor Shamshad Haqqai told The Associated Press about 50 Taliban fighters tried to enter his town, but that armed residents quickly gathered to fight them off.

### Iran tests new missile, Israel within range

**TEHRAN, Iran** (AP)—Iran tested its longest-range solid-fuel missile Wednesday—a launch that displayed Tehran's reach and burnished the president's hardline reputation ahead of next month's election. The missile was said to be capable of striking Israel, U.S. Mideast bases and Europe. Defense Secretary Robert Gates confirmed the test, which was announced by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The launch raised concerns about the sophistication of Tehran's missile program and Pentagon officials cautioned that it leaves Iran at a crossroads.


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## NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

**ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$59,940.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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## NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
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**ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 008 T 114, containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$101,820.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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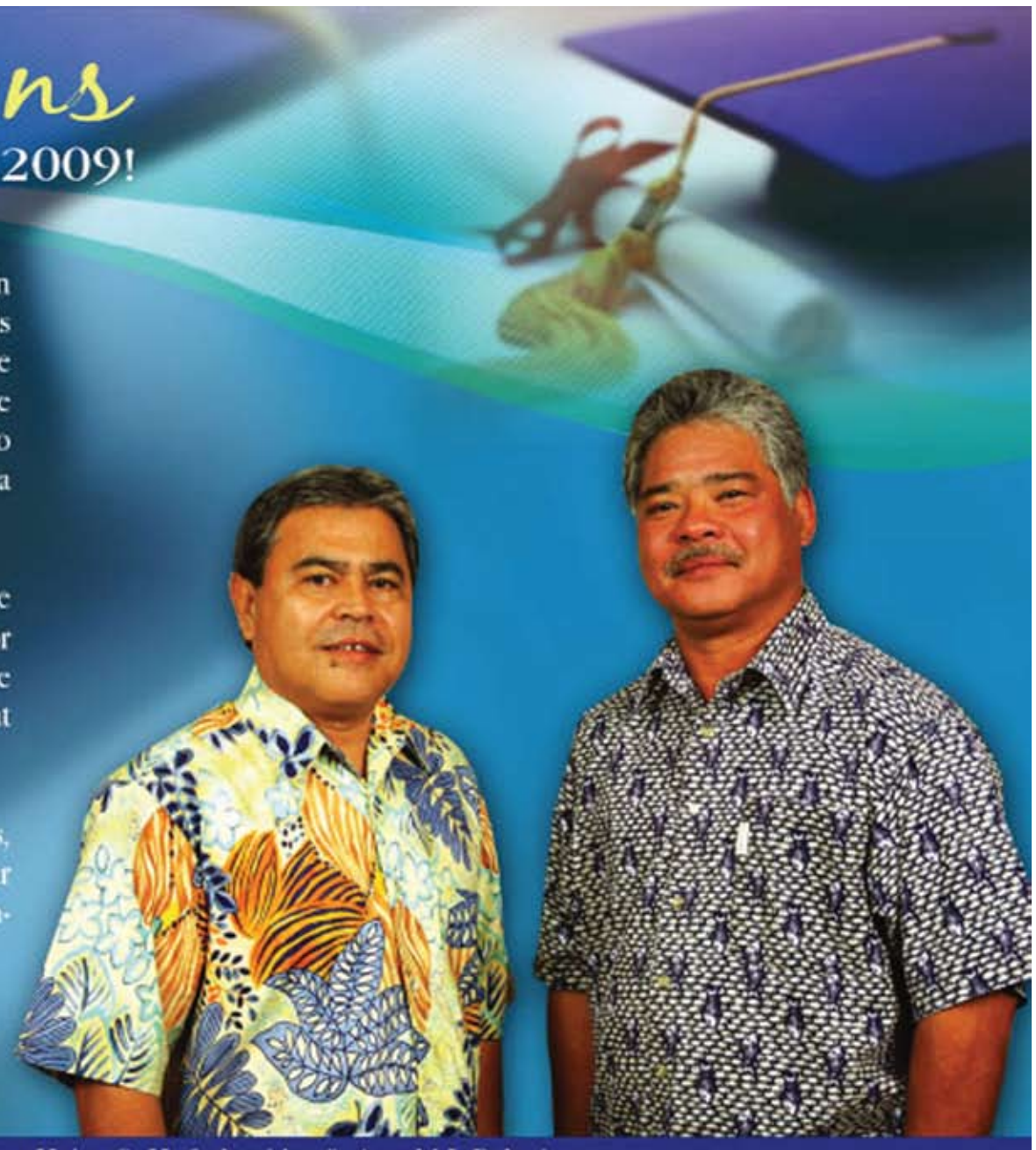
# Congratulations
## to all the graduating classes of 2009!

Graduation celebrations begin this week on island and in schools across the U.S. mainland. For many, Graduation Day is the culmination of many years of study. For some, there are more years of study to come and for others, work is on the horizon. Whatever path you choose, make it worthwhile. Do the best that you can at whatever endeavor you choose. Be a good neighbor, a good friend, be of good citizenship.

For our part, we will work hard to make sure that you have options in life—options to continue with your schooling or vocational training, or job options you may have in the private sector. We will work hard to improve the economy so that people have options.

We extend our thanks to the hundreds of teachers, principals, and support staff who dedicate each day to educating our children. As graduation ceremonies begin, we offer our congratulations to all the graduating classes and their families!

– From Heinz & Arnold



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# INVITATION FOR BID
## IFB 09-018

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Desktop Computers, Laptop Computers, Batteries, and Laptop Carts for Marianas High School.** The Scope of Work is available at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

The bid form is set up as Items "A though D". Bidders may bid on some or all of the items.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 09-018"** containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **June 03, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.,** at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply officer or Email to the following address: **florian@saipan.com**.

**/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.**
**Commissioner of Education**

**/S/ Robert Florian**
**Procurement & Supply Officer**

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# INVITATION FOR BID
## IFB 09-021

### Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Gregorio Camacho (GTC) Elementary School Buildings "F" and "G"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of GTC Elementary School Buildings "F" and "G".

The Scope of Work and detailed specifications are available, for a fee, at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, beginning May 22, 2009.

There will be a Pre-Bid conference for interested contractors in the PSS Commissioner's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building on June 2, 2009 at 1:00 PM. The deadline for the submission of questions is June 5, 2009.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PSS IFB 09-021" containing one (1) original and five (5) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office loacated on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building no later than June 10, 2009 at 10:30 AM. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

The performance completion date for Building "F" is August 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009 for Building "G".

Technical question should be in writing and addressed to David Loan, PSS CIP Coordinator via fax to 664.3715 or by e-mail to loand@pss.cnmi.mp. Procurement process questions should be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, PSS P&S Officer via fax to 664.3791 or e-mail to florian@saipan.com

**/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.**
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**/S/ Robert Florian**
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# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### 'Extremely bored' runaway juror faces jail time

**HILLSBORO, Ore.** (AP)—A man who left jury duty after lunch because he was "extremely bored" will be back at the courthouse Tuesday to be arraigned on a charge of contempt of court. A police report said officers found the 25-year-old man near his home earlier this month and asked why he skipped out. He said he was bored, and "just couldn't take it" anymore. Washington County Judge Gayle Nachtigal issued a warrant for his arrest. Though she wouldn't discuss the specific case, the judge said the maximum penalty for missing jury duty is six months in jail.

### Boy, 4, walks home from Pittsburgh school midday

**PITTSBURGH** (AP)—Pittsburgh school officials are trying to figure out how a 4-year-old boy slipped away from his preschool in the middle of the school day and walked to his home about a mile away. The boy's mother, Markeya McCary, says she was shocked when her son showed up at home Monday when he was supposed to be at the Greenway Early Childhood Center. School officials had noticed he was missing and had already begun to search for him when they learned he had made it home. McCary says her son told her he left because someone tried to lock him in a closet.

### Police: Sweet-talker uses fake coin for ice cream

**LYKENS, Pa.** (AP)—Pennsylvania State Police are looking for a man they say sweet-talked a shop owner into accepting a fake $20 coin as payment for ice cream. Police said the man told the proprietor of Willow Tree Ice Cream on Friday evening that the coin was something the government has just begun issuing. The shop is located about 25 miles northeast of Harrisburg in Dauphin County. The suspect drove away in a teal-colored Dodge Caravan with Pennsylvania tags. He's described as short and stocky with curly black hair.

Memorial Day
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# Science & Technology

## Web sites for paint color and project advice

By KATHLEEN HOM
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Painting is one of the simplest things you can do to reinvigorate a room. But choosing a color can be a daunting, stressful task. Hundreds, sometimes thousands of paint-chip cards blanket hardware stores, making a decision seem like an extraordinary test. After you've picked a color come the challenges of coordinating palettes, prepping walls, etc. To help you, we recommend a handful of Web sites that encourage you to take risks with paint and liven up your home.

### Colourlovers

This Web site (www.colourlovers.com) encourages visitors to combine hues, inspiring a massive range of palettes and patterns to browse through. Registered users can vote on color combinations, become fans of palettes and patterns, leave comments or ask questions in forums. The site can help you decide what shades won't clash with adjoining rooms or your favorite plum chaise.

### Colr.org

If you're having trouble meshing colors, try Colr.org. It fragments photos that are posted on the photo-sharing site Flickr or uploaded to the site. These images inspire a color palette, proving that generic snapshots of nature or photos from your last vacation can be excellent sources for color coordination. Photos are fragmented into little color boxes that users can click on to get a larger swatch. You also can randomly create "schemes" or color groupings with a click of the mouse.

### ConsumerSearch

ConsumerSearch (www.consumersearch.com) includes reviews of interior paints under its "Home & Garden" tab. The site compiles Web reviews from Consumer Reports, DoItYourself.com, Paint Talk and Contractor Talk. You can find out the best-reviewed paints in such categories as coverage, general purpose, budget and zero-VOC, low-odor interior paint. Plus, you can compare prices, see which stores carry the brands and read tips on what to look for when choosing paint.

### House Beautiful

House Beautiful magazine's Web site (www.housebeautiful.com) includes PaintBrush, a tool for virtually painting rooms. Pick a room from stock photos, including images of kitchens, bathrooms and foyers. Alter the colors of the room's walls, trim, ceiling and accent space. The colors correspond to those from Benjamin Moore, Sherwin-Williams and Valspar, and the paint numbers are provided. You can also save projects and e-mail them. The Web sites of these three paint brands also sport similar interactive features; some even encourage you to upload photos of your own rooms.

### Paint Quality Institute

This is one-stop shopping for all DIY paint information. The Paint Quality Institute Web site (www.paintquality.com) from chemical company Rohm and Haas provides guidance on planning projects, calculating how much paint to buy, solving paint problems such as blistering and mildew, and more.


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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

**GUADALUPE O. BORJA** ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$98,150.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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UNDER POWER OF SALE
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**DONNA Q. KAPILEO and DONOVAN K. TECHUR** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999 under Document No. 99-2778 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$108,650.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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**DONALD C. CAMACHO and ROSALINDA ULLOA** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 20, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 23, 2004 under Document No. 04-3035 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 5, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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**ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/ EFRAIN T. TEIGITA** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 003 B 16, and Containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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**RICARDO P. CASTRO and LORENZA P. CASTRO** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 8, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-3276 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 011 G 685, containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$90,200.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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**MARIA A. TEREGEYO** ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.**

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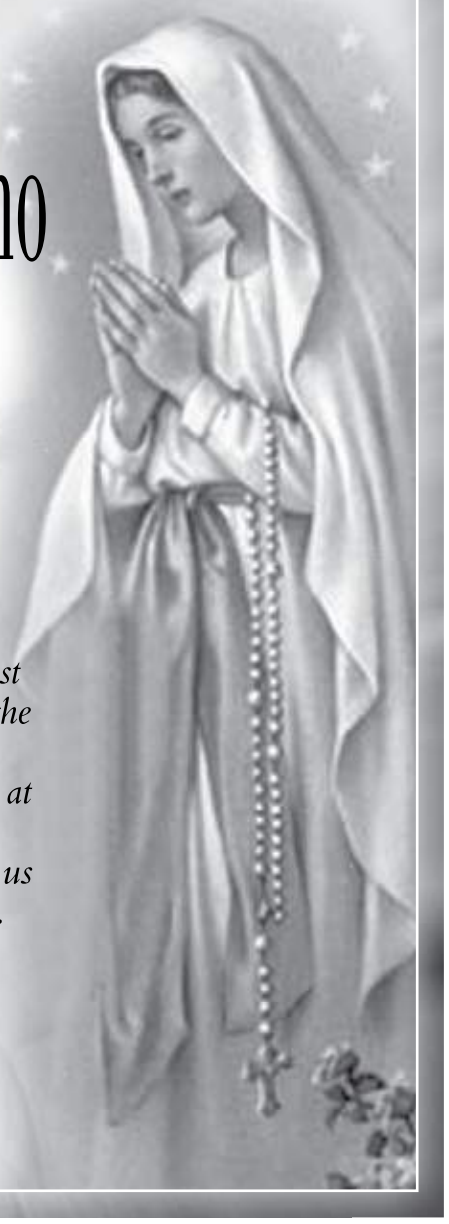
# In Humble Gratitude

*We, the family of the late*

## †Carmen Camacho Cabrera Acosta

**Lovingly known as "Nan Ame"**



*Wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our most painful time of sorrow. We especially would like to acknowledge the many thoughtful prayers, comfort, unending support and other considerate acts of grace extended to us. Your presence and prayers at the daily masses, rosaries and most especially at the Mass of Christian burial was very comforting. Your kindness has touched us all and we will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.*

*God Bless Us All.*

*Thank you, Si Yuus Ma'ase, Ghilisöow and Salamat Po.*

***Children & Family***
***Dr. Calistro C. Cabrera***


# Life & Style

## Arkansas town celebrates 'American Idol' upset win

**CONWAY, Ark.** (AP)—The first syllable of Kris Allen's name was all anyone needed to hear. The rest was drowned out by shrieks of joy in the "American Idol" winner's hometown.

Allen's unlikely victory Wednesday night delighted the spirited crowd that gathered in downtown Conway to watch the FOX competition's finale on a big screen. When Allen was announced as the winner, fans shouted their approval in a delirious scene that included fireworks overhead.

"I just couldn't stop jumping up and down. I was so excited—and just screaming," said 20-year-old Tina Banks. "And now my throat hurts."

Banks and her mother came downtown at 5:30 p.m local time—the results weren't announced until around 9.

Jamie Butler, 32, was there as well. She said she started watching American Idol this season and wasn't about to miss Allen's chance to win.

"I was very, very, very nervous. I mean, sweaty hands, you know," she said. "And then they announced it, and it was just like ... eruption."

Allen, 23, was the surprise winner over fellow finalist Adam Lambert.

The crowd was gathered at the same park downtown where Allen performed a couple weeks ago during a homecoming trip to Arkansas. A crowd of around 20,000 showed up for that visit.

"At his home concert, I was the first one out here at 10:30 in the morning to get a front row spot while my kids were in school. I ditched them and I came," said 44-year-old Lisa Eason. "My family all over the country—I've been mailing out T-shirts and all kinds of stuff to them."

On Wednesday, the crowd could have probably been measured in the hundreds, and fans had a hard time seeing the big screen at first because of the sun's glare early in the evening.

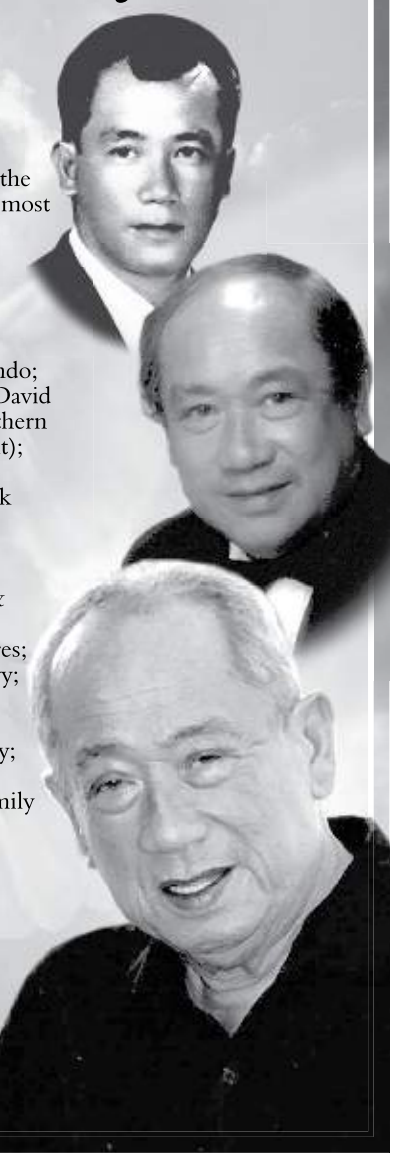
But it was dark out by the time the winner was announced, and the crowd in this small town about 20 miles north of Little Rock went home happy.

"Now I can stay in Conway," Eason joked. "Because it's not boring anymore."


# Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu us Ma'ase

from the family of the late

## RAMON TYDINGCO FEJERAN



To all our relatives, friends and everyone who stood by us in our time of sorrow.

Our family is comforted by all the prayers and support given to us by so many. We will always remember the overwhelming compassion and affection extended to us and treasure your kind expression of sympathy, encouragement, the extraordinary efforts and labors put forth on our behalf, and most profoundly, your presence during the nightly rosaries, the viewing, funeral and at the interment site.

***We would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to:***

Rev. Fr. Rey Rosal, Pastor, San Vicente Parish
Judge David A. Wiseman; Judge Ken & Mrs. Doming Govendo; Juan S. Tenorio & Family; Rep. Heinz Hofschneider; Rep. David Apatang; Senator Luis Crisostimo; Senator Pete Reyes; Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (Board, Staff & Management); Hawaiian Rock Products (Management & Employees); Former Governors Juan Babauta and Froilan Tenorio; Frank Cabrera/Nuestra Senora dela Paz; Marianas Health Services; Techas: Sophie Fejeran and Rita Guerrero; Margret Cabrera/The Amazing Grace Choir; Graphic Center, Management & Staff; Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services; Guam Department of Administration; our neighbors, Ahn; Chong Won Don; Kim families; Bobby Ayres; CHC; Saipan & Honolulu Medical Referral; Dr. Laura Shevy; Dr. Shirish Balachandra; Dr. Janna Wilgus; Dr. James Hofschneider; Moses (Moi/Ta Moi) Tydingco Fejeran & Family; Benigno (Ben/Ta Benik) Tydingco Fejeran & Family; Felipe (Iping/Ta Iping) Tydingco Fejeran & Family; Children/Family of Natividad Fejeran Tudela; Children/Family of Isidro Tydingco Fejeran; Calvo families in Saipan, Rota, Guam and the U.S. Mainland.

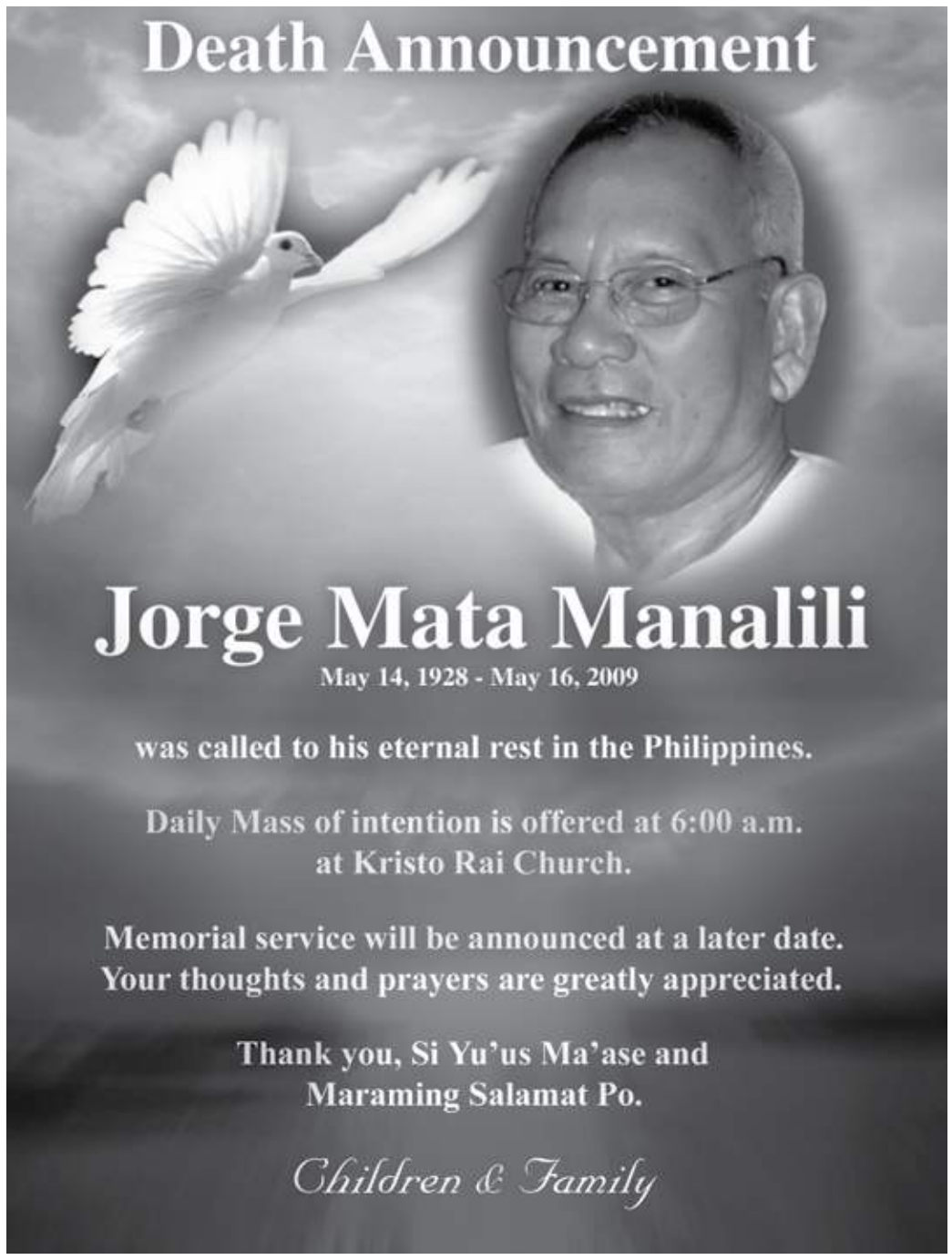
***Nightly Masses are held at the San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude this Saturday, May 23, 2009 followed by dinner at the family residence in Dandan. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.***

God bless you all. Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you!

**Edith Calvo Fejeran and Children**



# Death Announcement



## Jorge Mata Manalili

**May 14, 1928 - May 16, 2009**

**was called to his eternal rest in the Philippines.**

**Daily Mass of intention is offered at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church.**

**Memorial service will be announced at a later date. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Maraming Salamat Po.**

*Children & Family*

# Kris Allen takes the 'American Idol' title

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kris Allen's smooth vocals and boy-next-door image propelled him to "American Idol" victory Wednesday, turning the theatrical powerhouse Adam Lambert into the most unlikely of also-rans.

"I'm sorry, I don't even know what to feel right now. This is crazy," said a stunned Allen, 23, of Conway, Ark.

As host Ryan Seacrest said in announcing the result of the viewer vote, "The underdog, the dark horse, comes back and wins the nation over."

Lambert's commanding vocal range and stage presence—and the judges' adoration of him—at times turned "Idol" into "The Adam Lambert Show," with the other contestants mere guests. But it turned out that "Idol" viewers could embrace a gifted performer like Lambert, one who sported black nail polish and bold self-assurance, only to a point.

Simon Cowell tipped his hat to both contestants Wednesday.

"To both of you, and I don't normally mean this, I thought you were both brilliant. .... The future's all yours," the judge said.

Before the results were announced, Lambert and Allen had a moment of musical camaraderie: They joined together with Queen on the rock anthem "We Are the Champions."

"Adam did win. So did Kris. Nobody lost tonight. These are two champions," said Paul Stanley from Kiss backstage.

The outcome echoed last year's contest, when Cowell all but crowned David Archuleta after the performance finale—but the victory went to David Cook.

Lambert's triumph was never inevitable. When Allen and Lambert were declared the finalists last week, just 1 million viewer votes separated the pair out of 88 million cast.

Allen bloomed during the season, gaining more assurance onstage and winning viewers over with his smooth, heartfelt vocals, modest demeanor and well-scrubbed good looks.

There was also the Danny Gokey factor. Gokey made it to the top three before he fell out of the contest, leaving his supporters up for grabs.

"After the third one leaves, you wonder where do the votes go from that third contestant," Paula Abdul said backstage after Tuesday's singing showdown. Allen seemed the likely candidate for those viewers' affections, for on- and offstage reasons. Allen and Gokey, 29, of Milwaukee, were downright conservative when compared to Lambert's elaborate staging and wardrobe choices. Allen is a married college student and has worked as a church worship leader. Gokey, a widower, is a church music director.

Lambert, 27, of Los Angeles, brought measured rock flashiness—daring, not freaky—with songs including "Whole Lotta Love," the first-ever Led Zeppelin tune on "Idol." He's largely kept his personal life under wraps, saying "I know who I am" when asked about it.

Earlier this week, Allen said he hoped the outcome wouldn't be decided by "having the Christian vote."

"I hope it has to do with your talent and the performance that you give and the package that you have. It's not about religion and all that kind of stuff," he said.

Added Lambert: "It's about music. That's really important to keep in mind."

The finale Wednesday included the usual bag of tricks for extending the show to two hours and delaying the result until the final minutes. There were group numbers, the Golden Idol Award—semifinalist funnyman Nick "Norman Gentle" Mitchell among the contenders—and celebrity-contestant combos.

Allen was joined by Keith Urban on "Kiss a Girl," while Lambert performed with Kiss. The female finalists, including Allison Iraheta, opened up for Fergie, who sang "Big Girls Don't Cry" and then was joined by her group, the Black Eyed Peas.

Iraheta later dueted with Cyndi Lauper on "Time After Time" and Danny Gokey joined Lionel Richie for two tunes.

Rod Stewart sang "Maggie May" after the male finalists opened for him with "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy."

An offbeat guest was Steve Martin, the actor-comedian who also specializes in the banjo. He played his song "Pretty Flowers" with finalists Megan Joy and Michael Sarver on vocals.

Asked by Seacrest to guess who might win "American Idol," Martin replied: "I know it's a long shot, but I'm hoping I do."

AP

This photo provided by FOX shows, at left, Adam Lambert and Kris Allen, right, with host Ryan Seacrest during American Idol on Wednesday May 20, 2009 in Los Angeles.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, vs. RICARDO R. RASA and MATILDE H. BERMUDES, Defendant. | ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0395 NOTICE OF SALE |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 28, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

Lot 010 K 28, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 10 K 01, the original of which was recorded 19 AUG 87 as Document No. 87-2909 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on May 27, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, MP 96950-5241. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED: Saipan, MP, April 28, 2009.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman
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| THELMA BRAZAS MALASARTE a.k.a. THELMA BRAZAS BABAUTA, Petitioner, vs. ROLANDO DILAO MALAZARTE Respondent. | ) | FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0072 ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD (7 CMC § 1301) |

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
**ROLANDO DILAO MALAZARTE**

PURSUANT TO 7 CMC § 1301, YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make your appearance or file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint filed with the Commonwealth Superior Court, within 30 days from the service date. You are instructed to make your appearance before the Clerk of Courts or mail a copy of your answer to the Complaint to the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar, whose address is P.O. Box 505301, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. You may obtain a copy of the Complaint by contacting Petitioner's counsel of record.

If you choose to file an answer, your answer should be in writing and filed withe Clerk of Court at teh Guma Hustisia, Susupe, SAipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of the Court by messenger or mail.

If you fail to make your appearance or file an answer in accordance with this Order To Appear or Plead, a default judgement will be entered against you for the relief of the Complaint.

A copy of this Order is to be published at a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two consecutive weeks. In addition, a copy of this Order sahll be posted in two (2) conspicuous places for a period of not less than two weeks.

**SO ORDERED.**

**KENNETH L. GOVENDO**
Associate Judge

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. CYPRIANO KAIPAT BERKI and MELVA JUDYANN MUNA BERKI, Defendants. | ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-485 FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 28, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1236, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 748 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Surveys Officials Drawing/Cadastral plat No. 011 G 23, the original of which was recorded October 10, 1996, as Document No. 96-2566 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 29, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Ofices of Michael A. White, Esq., LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 1st day of May, 2009.

/s/ **MICHAEL A. WHITE**
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**Christian Bale, Sam Worthington**
Action, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13

*Synopsis*
The year is 2018. Judgment Day has come and gone, leveling modern civilization. An army of Terminators roams the post-apocalyptic landscape, killing or collecting humans where they hide in the desolate cities and deserts. But small groups of survivors have organized into a Resistance, hiding in underground bunkers and striking when they can against an enemy force that vastly outnumbers them.

**Night at the Museum 2**

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**Den Stiller, Amy Adams**
Comedy, Sequel • Rated PG

*Synopsis*
Night has fallen upon the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The guides have gone home, the lights are out, the school kids are tucked in their beds, yet something incredible is stirring as former night guard Larry Daley finds himself lured into his biggest, most imagination-boggling adventure yet in which history truly comes alive. In this second installment of the Night at the Museum saga, Larry faces a battle so epic it could only unfold in the corridors of the world's largest museum.

**The Soloist**

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**Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey, Jr.**
Drama, Biopic • Rated PG 13

**Dance Flick**

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**Damon Wayans, Jr., Craig Wayans**
Action, Comedy • Rated PG 13

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**Angels and Demons**

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**Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor**
Thriller, Religion • Rated PG 13

*Synopsis*
When Robert Langdon discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood known as the Illuminati—the most powerful underground organization in history—he also faces a deadly threat to the existence of the secret organization's most despised enemy: the Catholic Church. When Langdon learns that the clock is ticking on an unstoppable Illuminati time bomb, he jets to Rome, where he joins forces with Vittoria Vetra, a beautiful and enigmatic Italian scientist.

**Star Trek**

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**Chris Pine, Winona Ryder**
Sci-Fi, Adaptation • Rated PG 13

**X-Men Origins:Wolverine**

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**Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber**
Action, Adventure • Rated PG 13

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# Shanty of 'Slumdog' child star torn down

**MUMBAI** (AP)—The 9-year-old girl who starred in "Slumdog Millionaire" dodged pieces of falling debris Wednesday as she tried to salvage twisted metal and splintered wood—all that remained of her bubblegum pink home after authorities demolished part of a city slum where she lived.

Months after their movie swept the Oscars, Rubina Ali and Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, 10, are both sleeping on hard dirt, wondering when they too might go from slumdog to millionaire. Azharuddin's home was demolished last week.

"I'm feeling bad," Rubina told The Associated Press. "I'm thinking about where to sleep."

Wednesday's demolitions took place because the slum houses were in the way of a planned pedestrian overpass, said a railway official who refused to be named. Such demolitions are common in India's chaotic cities.

AP

Rubina Ali, a child actress in the Oscar-winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire," stands inside her house as it is demolished by local authorities at a slum area in Mumbai, India, Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Around 11 a.m. Wednesday, demolition crews began working their way down the shanties on Rubina's lane, as dozens of police with bamboo batons and guns patrolled the area.

Ten policemen beat Rubina's father with their sticks for 15 minutes shortly before the demolition began, sending him to the hospital, family members said.

Rubina and her stepmother salvaged what they could, as men with sledgehammers and metal bars pried apart the flimsy walls of their home.

At 1:35 p.m., there was a great creaking sound, and the last wall fell.

Rubina stood, bewildered, inside the frame of the house she grew up in, ringed by eager television cameras.

For once, she had nothing to say.

# Murder charge filed in rapper's killing

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A lawyer for the man accused of killing Dolla acknowledged that his client pulled the trigger Wednesday, but said he did it in self-defense.

Prosecutors charged Aubrey Louis Berry, 23, with murder and a pair of assault charges in connection with Monday's shooting in a valet area at an upscale mall.

Berry made his first court appearance Wednesday afternoon and his bail was raised to $5 million. He postponed entering a plea until a Friday court hearing.

Berry's attorney, Howard R. Price, said his client was acting in self-defense when he killed Dolla, 21, and fired at two other people.

Price said Berry feared for his life after he and Dolla, whose real name is Roderick Anthony Burton II, had an altercation at an Atlanta nightclub earlier this month.

# Kidney transplant successful for Natalie Cole

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Ailing Natalie Cole now has a new kidney.

The 59-year-old singer underwent successful kidney transplant surgery "and is resting comfortably," publicist Maureen O'Connor said Wednesday. Cole will postpone her summer tour, which was set to begin June 5 and run through November, as she recovers.

Cole

Cole had been receiving dialysis three times a week since September. She still continued to perform, even overseas, in support of her latest album, the Grammy-winning "Still Unforgettable,"

The kidney dialysis is unrelated to Cole's struggle with hepatitis C, a liver disease spread through contact with infected blood. She announced her hepatitis diagnosis last year and said that the disease was likely caused by her drug use years ago.

Cole received painful chemotherapy to treat the hepatitis and "within four months, I had kidney failure," she told Larry King on his CNN show last month. Without a donor, she would need dialysis for the rest of her life, she said.

# Mitchell, 'Bikini Girl' honored at 'Idol' finale

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kris Allen wasn't the only winner at Wednesday's "American Idol" finale. The popular Fox singing competition again handed out silly Golden Idol Awards to this season's more—ahem—colorful wannabes.

The evening's first prize, for outstanding male, went to Nick Mitchell, the semifinalist best known for his over-the-top alter ego Norman Gentle.

"I wish I prepared something. I didn't even know I was doing this!" he teased before ripping off his street clothes, revealing his glittery get-up underneath and launching into "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" from "Dreamgirls."

Appropriately, Katrina "Bikini Girl" Darrell picked up her trophy for best attitude in a two-piece ensemble. More surprising than her wardrobe was who joined her for a "Vision of Love" performance: Kara DioGuardi, the judge who infamously outsang Darrell during her audition. This time, DioGuardi played by Darrell's rules: She briefly opened up her dress to reveal a black bikini.

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Police arrest woman outside 'Idol' finale

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Police arrested a woman Tuesday night after officers said they saw her try to choke Simon Cowell's ex-girlfriend as she left a taping of "American Idol." "Extra" correspondent Terri Seymour, who dated Cowell for several years, was not injured. Janice Thibodeaux, 33, remained jailed Wednesday on nearly $54,000 bail for suspicion of felony battery, said Los Angeles Police Department Officer Norma Eisenman. Eisenman said officers saw Thibodeaux try to choke Seymour as she was leaving the Nokia Theater, where "American Idol" is shot. Officers chased Thibodeaux for a short time before catching her, Eisenman said. "It was all so sudden," Seymour said in an "Extra" interview Wednesday. "Very scary." She said the woman asked her if she was on television and when she answered yes, Thibodeaux grabbed her. "The next thing I know, this woman had me in a headlock and tried to choke me," Seymour is quoted as saying.

### 'Angela's Ashes' author Frank McCourt has melanoma

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A publicist for Frank McCourt confirms the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Angela's Ashes" has cancer. Scribner spokesman Brian Belfiglio (bel-FIG'-lee-oh) says the 78-year-old writer is being treated for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. McCourt's brother Malachy says reports that his brother is gravely ill are "exaggerated" and the cancer is in remission. He says his brother is "a hearty fellow and he's survived worse than this." McCourt's agent, Molly Friedrich, says the New York-born author was in the hospital about a month ago but is back home. She says he is "doing pretty well" and undergoing chemotherapy. McCourt's other books include "'Tis" and "Teacher Man."

### Fox: will.i.am self-censored on 'Boom Boom Pow'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Fox TV says a moment of silence during the Black Eyed Peas performance on `American Idol' wasn't the network's doing. Midway through the song "Boom Boom Pow," TV viewers heard only silence and saw an "Idol" logo across the screen for a few moments. A Fox spokesman said it was singer will.i.am's decision to stay mum, apparently to keep an expletive from airing during Wednesday's performance.

The two-hour finale of "American Idol" featured a lineup of pop stars, including the Black Eyed Peas, Cyndi Lauper and Keith Urban. Finalists Adam Lambert and Kris Allen were vying for the "Idol" title.

### Man once accused in Letterman plot loses appeal

**HELENA, Mont.** (AP)—The Montana Supreme Court has denied the appeal of a man once accused of plotting to kidnap David Letterman's young son from Letterman's ranch in Montana. The 2005 kidnap-related charges against Kelly Frank were ultimately dismissed, but Frank was sentenced to 10 years in prison for overcharging the talk show host for painting work at his ranch. Frank escaped from a state prison ranch in June 2007 and was recaptured six days later. He was given an additional 10 years for the escape. The 47-year-old Frank appealed his escape conviction to the state Supreme Court, which on Tuesday affirmed the conviction. Prison spokeswoman Linda Moodry says Frank will be eligible for parole in May 2011.

# Mom refuses to stop driving despite history of seizures

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 66 and has had two major epileptic seizures. The incidents occurred in the middle of the night, and each time she was unconscious for a long time (45 minutes or more) and was taken to the emergency room by ambulance. She also has "minor" seizures that last only 30 to 60 seconds. I have seen them.

Her doctor has told her not to drive and that it's against the law in our state for her to drive until she has been seizure-free for six months. The problem is, Mom and her husband believe she can drive safely. She even bought a new car so she can get "better gas mileage."

I have offered to take Mom to doctors and other appointments, etc. She allows me to, but still drives herself to the grocery store and hairdresser and other places because they are "close by." (Not!)

Abby, I lost a brother in a car accident. I don't want to lose my mother in one, too. I'm also afraid for the safety of pedestrians and other drivers in her path. What can I do or say to get Mom to follow the doctor's orders?

WORRIED IN THE WEST

**DEAR WORRIED: Nothing. Because your mother refuses to use common sense or listen to reason, accept that talking to her is like talking to a wall.**

**A person doesn't have to have a major seizure to cause an accident. A blackout lasting a few seconds can cause a driver to lose control of a vehicle.**

**If your mother's physician isn't aware that she hasn't been complying with his or her instructions, let the doctor know. Write a letter explaining that you have seen her having minor seizures and that she's still driving. Urge him (or her) to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, and you should do the same. The more time that goes by without this being dealt with, the greater the chances your mother could kill herself or kill or maim an innocent person who happens to cross her path at the wrong time.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old and aware of what is going on in the world around me. My parents have owned a successful company for years, but with the economy in its current state, our family is having a tough time. We live a luxurious life and I am very blessed, but we have begun to give things up. I am fine with that.

My parents have changed. If I ask how things are, they get mad at me. If I tell them I don't need something, such as a present for my birthday, they ask me why and I tell them, "I know we don't have money to spend right now." Then they say, "We have money, but it's in the bank and is only for emergencies such as an illness."

How can I convince my parents that it is OK to tell me what is going on, and that we should go through it as a family?

TEEN IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR TEEN: It is the instinct of every parent to protect his or her child. That may be what your parents are trying to do when you raise the sensitive subjects of "how things are" and birthday gifts. What they may not realize is that you are no longer a child, and the questions and statements you are making are a reflection of your anxiety.**

**As stressful as the current economic environment may be, fear of the unknown can be even worse. By telling you they are not out of funds but being careful about how they will be spent, your parents have already taken the first step in letting you know what's going on, but now they need to fill in more of the blanks. Please tell them that that's what I suggest.**

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*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STARTED A SECRET CLUB JUST TO EXCLUDE GIRLS! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH GIRLS!
SEE, HOBBES? GIRLS ARE SO EMOTIONAL.
YOU'RE THE MEANEST, MOST ROTTEN LITTLE KID I KNOW! WELL, FINE! PLAY WITH YOUR STUFFED TIGER! SEE WHAT I CARE! I DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH A STINKER LIKE YOU ANYWAY!!
WOW, WHAT A GREAT CLUB!
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## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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ME, TOO
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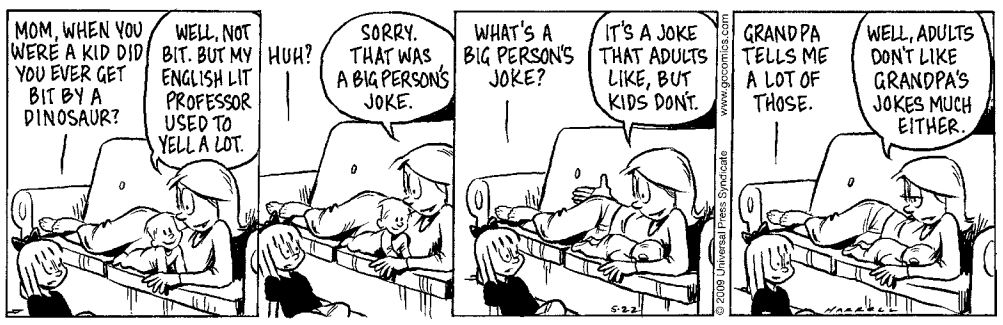
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


MOM, WHEN YOU WERE A KID DID YOU EVER GET BIT BY A DINOSAUR?
WELL, NOT BIT. BUT MY ENGLISH LIT PROFESSOR USED TO YELL A LOT.
HUH?
SORRY. THAT WAS A BIG PERSON'S JOKE.
WHAT'S A BIG PERSON'S JOKE?
IT'S A JOKE THAT ADULTS LIKE, BUT KIDS DON'T.
GRANDPA TELLS ME A LOT OF THOSE.
WELL, ADULTS DON'T LIKE GRANDPA'S JOKES MUCH EITHER.
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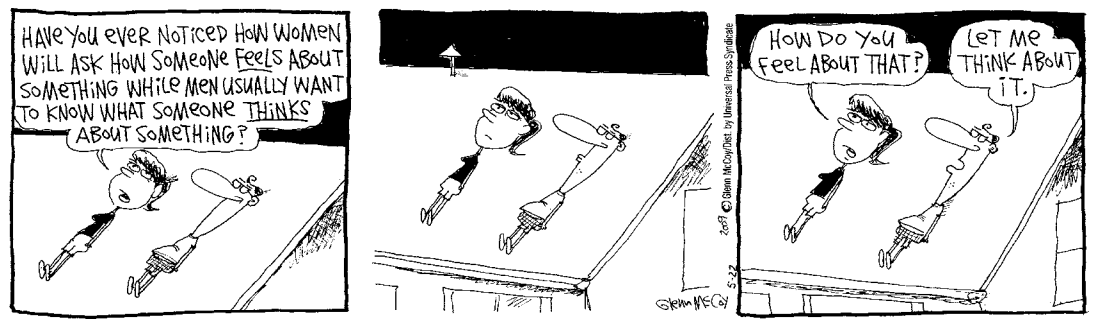
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW WOMEN WILL ASK HOW SOMEONE FEELS ABOUT SOMETHING WHILE MEN USUALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT SOMEONE THINKS ABOUT SOMETHING?
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?
LET ME THINK ABOUT IT.
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## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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9 Mailing abbr.
12 Had a home-cooked meal
13 Pussycat's boatmate
14 Seine matter
15 Acted grandmotherly
16 Rifle attachment
18 Short and thick
20 Fork option
21 Flightless bird
23 Wet wiggler
24 Liberace's prop
25 Croupier's tool
27 Crystal-lined rock
29 To-do list
31 Film festival city
35 "Sinker"
37 Shipbuilding wood
38 Loosen
41 Ultramodernist
43 Take a whack at
44 Lunch hour
45 Removed with the teeth
47 Jack Webb series
49 Grinder
52 Type squares
53 Inseparable
54 Datum for Drew Carey
55 Snitch
56 Join together
57 Under a spell

**DOWN**
1 Possessed
2 Jurist Lance
3 Obi ornament
4 Nutritionist's recommendation
5 Ill-deserved
6 Repair, as shoes
7 Vacationing
8 Thickness
9 Columbus' home
10 Song of joy
11 Top
17 East
19 Started
21 Mound stat
22 Periodical, for short
24 BlackBerry, e.g.
26 Conclusion
28 Square dance group
30 Buck's mate
32 Blockbuster alternative
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34 Firmament
36 All together
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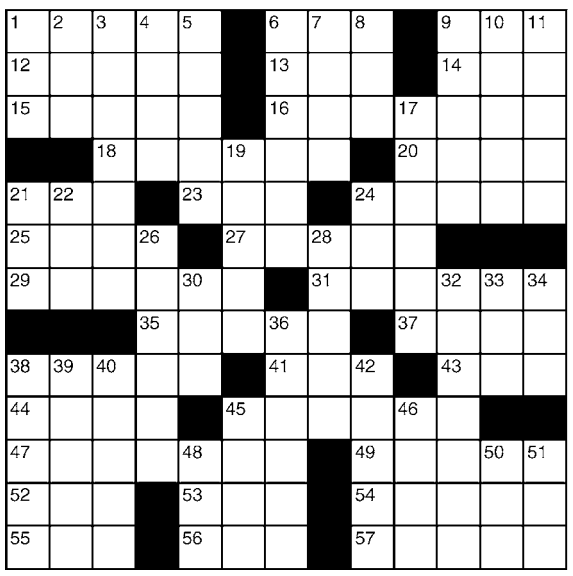

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): An encounter with someone you find interesting will lead you on an eye-opening journey. You may be ready for a change but, before you decide to jump into something you know little about, you must question your motives. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Your emotions will lead you astray. Don't jump to conclusions without having all the facts. There will be a price to pay for stubbornness. Self-deception will lead you down a dark path. Pull away from any negativity. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Your original way of expressing your point of view will help to drum up support and interest in whatever you are doing. Experience will play a big part in how much respect and help you get. A secret love interest will develop. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let a personal relationship with a friend, lover or child interrupt you from taking care of important business. You have to protect your interests right now, especially where money is involved. ✪✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't get upset when things don't go your way. Money or a new deal that has potential appears to be within your reach. A trip or doing something special with someone you are close to will ease your stress and build stronger ties. ✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Tender, loving care will help you make your place more inviting, comfortable and accommodating for your lifestyle. A realization regarding your future will strike when you communicate with someone who has an interest in the same things you do. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't spend foolishly. Get involved in an activity that will help you learn something valuable. A relationship will develop with someone intriguing. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Empty promises will leave you in a mess so don't put your trust in someone who talks big and does little. Use your own skills and connections to get what you want. Your emotions will be hard to hide and, this time, it will be in your best interest to let them out. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll have a change of heart, leaving you in a precarious position. Make changes to your appearance and the compliments will boost your ego. If someone questions your motives, keep the real reason a secret until you have what you want in the bag. ✪✪✪

**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take a fresh look at an old project and you will see it in a new light. Home improvements will turn out well. An event held at your place will result in getting what you want. Have your strategy in place; the support will be unanimous. ✪✪✪✪✪

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**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Someone may be watching you for financial reasons. Clear the air with anyone who thinks you owe a debt. Working alongside someone who thinks the same way you do will help you feel comfortable about what you are trying to accomplish. ✪✪

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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| 8 | 5 | | | | | | 2 | 1 |

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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| 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
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| 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 1 |

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/21

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**WOMEN ON TOP** **Solution: 8 letters**

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Revised Closing Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

**JVA No. 09-014 Meter Technician**
**JVA No. 09-015 Administrative Support Assistant**

**Location:** Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Power Division, Saipan.

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Thursday, May 14, 2009 Closing Date: Thursday, May 28, 2009

**JVA No. 09-016 Trades Assistant**

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For information on the duties and minimum qualifications, please stop by the Human Resources Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS
## DPW09-IFB-019

**PUERTO RICO DUMP FINAL CLOSURE SAIPAN, MP**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Division of Solid Waste Management, are soliciting sealed Bids for construction, of the Puerto Rico Dump closure system, on the island of Saipan.

The project package will be available on or after May 27, 2009, at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, SAipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, amount to be determined, is required for each set. All interested bidders are also required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid package. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7 "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and serivices on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage as required by CNMI and Federal Law.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 5, 2009, 10:0 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division's Lower Base Transfer Station, Lower Base.. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site and condition of the project. All questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing no later than June 10, 2009 to **Mr. Blas T. Mafnas,** Acting Director, Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, or fax to (670) 322-2762.

Sealed bids shall be marked with the name of the submitter and the title "**Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, DPW-09-IFB-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of Bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, June 22, 2009 to the Director of Procurement and Supply, P.O. Box 10008, Cnmi, Saipan, MP 96950. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than June 22, 2009 and must be transmitted via Facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or va e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 22, 2009, and must be received no later than July 1, 2009. Failure to submit the required number of sets may be gount for rejection.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 2, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on June 22, 2009.

A bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Clerk or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". For Bid Bonds, surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment Bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI.

Performance time for completion of the project is three hundred sixty five **(365)** working days upon issuance of official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will assessed as provided for in the Bid Specification Package.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (DOI/OIA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval of DOI/OIA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS
## DPW09-IFB-021

**RENOVATION OF SAN ISIDRO BEACH PARK PHASE II, SAIPAN**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Work; (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of San Isidro Beach Park Phase II, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2009 at DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars **(US$ 100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procuredures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permanent Residents as per **Public Law 15-95 and as further Amended by Public Law 15-118** and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m. local time at the project site located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on June 16, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr., Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd floor-Joeten Commercial Building Oleai Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW09-IFB.021**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m, local time, June 19, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time June 19, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@pticom.com.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 19, 2009, and must be received no later than June 30, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. local time, July 03, 2009. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on, June 24, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A Surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 14660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (**90**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (**US$100.00**) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in The best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG**
Secretary of Public Works

**/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS
## DPW09-IFB-022

**Supply, Delivery and Installation of Emergency Generator and Water Storage Tank for the Division of Medical Supply Office, Lower Base, Saipan.**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the ***Supply, Delivery and Installation of Emergency Generator and Water Storage Tank for the Division of Medical Supply Office,*** Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2009, at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)**, is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. **Preference is available to US Citizen as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, and be submitted with the BID is preference is claimed.**

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 09 2009, 9:30 a.m. local time at the DPW Conference Room, Gualo Rai, Joeten Commercial B]dg. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on June 12, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr.** Director of Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Building, Saipan or fax to (670) 322-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-022"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 17, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 17, 2009 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 17, 2009, and must be received no later than June 26, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. local time, June 30, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on June 22, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the D.S Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

This project is funded through Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Grant.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred and Twenty **(120)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One hundred dollars **(US$100.00)** per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS
## DPW09-IFB-024

**Supply, Delivery and Installation of Emergency Generators for WIC Clinic and Administration Building, Phase I, Navy Hill**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the ***Supply, Delivery and Installation of Emergency Generator for WIC Clinic and Administration Building, Phase I,*** Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2009, at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)**, is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. **Preference is available to US Citizen as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, and be submitted with the BID is preference is claimed.**

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 09 2009, 10:30 a.m. local time at the DPW Conference Room, Gualo Rai, Joeten Commercial B]dg. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on June 12, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr.** Director of Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Building, Saipan or fax to (670) 322-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-024"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 17, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 17, 2009 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 17, 2009, and must be received no later than June 26, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, June 30, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on June 22, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the D.S Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

This project is funded through Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Grant.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred and Twenty **(120)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One hundred dollars **(US$100.00)** per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

# Magic stun LeBron, Cavaliers in Game 1

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—LeBron James chewed on his fingernails as he talked quietly with Mo Williams in the corner of Cleveland's muted locker room. As they reviewed the game's final seconds, the two stars stared blankly at a boxscore floating in an ice tub above James' feet. They looked stunned. And for good reason. No longer untested, no longer unbeaten. The Cavaliers finally met their match in the playoffs.

Dwight Howard scored 30 points, Rashard Lewis added 22 and the Orlando Magic rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to hand James and the Cavaliers their first loss of the postseason, 107-106 on Wednesday night in the Eastern Conference finals opener.

James finished with 49 points, eight assists and six rebounds, but the league MVP limped off the floor after Cleveland's loss—just its third in 46 home games.

"Nobody said it was going to be easy," said Cavs guard Delonte West, who missed an open 3-pointer with five seconds remaining. "This one hurts."

Lewis made a 3-pointer with 14.7 seconds left and the Magic, who dethroned the champion Boston Celtics in seven games in the previous round, survived two shots by Cleveland in the closing seconds. Williams missed a catch-and-shoot jumper off a jump ball as the horn sounded, dropping the Cavs to 8-1 in the postseason.

"It's a big victory," said Howard, who broke one of the shot clocks with a dunk in the opening minutes. "We kept fighting the whole game. We kept believing we could win."

Hedo Turkoglu scored 15 points with 14 assists for Orlando.

Game 2 is Friday night at Quicken Loans Arena, which fell eerily silent after the Magic's win.

As fans headed to the exits, they turned to observe James still on the floor and bent over in obvious pain. He was bothered by cramps throughout the fourth quarter and was tended to by Cleveland's training staff before slowly making his way to the locker room.

AP

Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard dunks against the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first quarter of Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals Wednesday, May 20, 2009, in Cleveland.

"I'm not hurt," said James, who felt the long layoff—the Cavs hadn't played since May 11—may have contributed to the cramping.

Cleveland gave this one away. The Cavaliers lost their grip on the game with a stagnant third quarter that carried into the fourth. Also, the Magic shot 55 percent from the floor—59 percent in the second half—against the league's top defensive team.

"That's unacceptable," James said. "We should have lost."

Orlando, which went 2-1 vs. Cleveland in the regular season, took its first lead at 85-84 with 10:06 left when Anthony Johnson buried a 3-pointer from the left corner. The bucket seemed to suck the air out of the raucous building and Cavs coach Mike Brown quickly called a timeout to stop the Magic's run and get James back in.

The Magic, though, kept making big shots with Lewis hitting a jumper with 31.6 seconds left to give Orlando a 104-103 lead.

James then drove and scored on a runner while drawing a sixth foul on Howard, who added 13 rebounds. James completed the three-point play for a 106-104 lead but Lewis came down and nailed his 3-pointer over a closing Anderson Varejao.

"You got to play 48 minutes," Lewis said. "The most important thing is to play 48 minutes. We played only one half but it was the second half."

On Cleveland's last possession, West missed his open 3 but James was able to tie up Turkoglu for a jump ball. James tipped it behind him to Williams, but his last-second prayer hit the back of the rim and the Cavs walked off knowing they had given up homecourt advantage for this round.

"This is good for us," Brown said. "We didn't expect go undefeated."

Williams ended the first half by swishing a 67-footer to give the Cavaliers a 63-48 lead.

Taking the inbounds pass with 1.7 seconds left, Williams dribbled once and sent a high-arching shot like the ones he and the Cavs' shooters work on at practice toward the basket. When it splashed through, James raised his arms and then wrapped Williams in a bear hug.

It was the third consecutive Game 1 in these playoffs that the Cavs have closed the first half with a buzzer-beating bucket. James did it against Detroit and Atlanta.

In the Orlando locker room, Magic coach Stan Van Gundy ripped into his players for not stopping James, who had 26 in the opening half.

"He told us, 'We're all witnesses,'" Howard recalled, using the slogan James has popularized with his commercials. "That got us fired up."

Leading by 15, the Cavs got complacent and lost their offensive rhythm in the third quarter. They stood around either waiting for James to do something or settled for jump shots that didn't fall.

Orlando seized the chance to get back in it and with Courtney Lee and Mickael Pietrus hitting 3-pointers, the Magic outscored the Cavaliers 30-19 in the period to pull within 82-78 entering the fourth.

# Michael Vick leaves prison, heads for Va. home

**HAMPTON, Va.** (AP)—Michael Vick is out of prison and headed home, broke and reviled for running a dogfighting ring, but hopeful for a second chance at his once-charmed life as a star NFL quarterback. The suspended quarterback served 19 months in prison on the dogfighting conviction that capped one of the most astonishing falls in sports history—one that stole his wealth and popularity.

"Football is on the back-burner for now," said agent Joel Segal, who negotiated Vick's 10-year, $130 million contract with the Atlanta Falcons but will be asking for substantially less if his tarnished client's suspension is lifted by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank said Vick deserves a second chance, but it won't be with Atlanta, which has severed ties with its former star.

Vick, who turns 29 in June, left the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., by car early Wednesday, undetected by hordes of reporters who had staked out the prison.

He was accompanied on the 1,200-mile ride by his fiancee, Kijafa Frink, a videographer and several members of a security team assembled by Vick's lawyers and advisers, a person familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to comment on the matter. The person did not know the reason for the videographer.

Avoiding the media will be tougher in Hampton, where he will serve two months in home confinement. His five-bedroom brick house is at the end of a cul-de-sac, where at least a half-dozen satellite trucks and several reporters and camera crews awaited his return. Out back, between the house and a pond, maintenance workers got the swimming pool ready.

Vick was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison for financing a dogfighting conspiracy. He won't be released from federal custody until July 20, but his departure from Leavenworth begins a new chapter.

"It's a happy day for him to be starting this part of the process," said Larry Woodward, Vick's Virginia-based attorney, said. "He looks forward to meeting the challenges he has to meet."

His ultimate goal is a return to the NFL, but Woodward said Vick's first priority "is spending time with his children and his loved ones."

Chief among his challenges is rehabilitating his image and convincing the public and Goodell that he is truly sorry for his crime, and that he is prepared to live a different life—goals that will depend more on deeds than words.

"It goes beyond, 'Has he paid his debt to society?' Because I think that from a legal standpoint and financially and personally, he has," Blank said at an NFL owners' meeting Wednesday.

Part of Vick's problem was the company he kept, Blank said, and weeding out the bad influences and associating with people who have his best interests at heart will be a key to redemption and a possible return to the NFL.

"There's the expression 'you are what you eat.' To some extent, you are who you hang with too, and that does have an effect on lives for all of us," he said.

Vick's NFL future remains a mystery.

"Mike's already paid his dues," Falcons receiver and former teammate Roddy White said Wednesday. "He wants to play football. I think if he gets reinstated before the season, there'll be a couple of teams that will be after him and give him a chance to play."

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said Vick doesn't deserve that chance until he passes psychological tests proving he is capable of feeling genuine remorse.

"Our position would be the opportunity to play in the NFL is a privilege, not a right," PETA spokesman Dan Shannon said.

First up for Vick is a $10-an-hour job as a laborer for a construction company. That job is part of his probation, and he will find out more about the restrictions he faces in home confinement when he meets with his probation officer later this week. He also will be equipped with an electronic monitor.

The Humane Society of the United States said Vick met its president recently in prison and wants to work on a program aimed at eradicating dogfighting among urban teens.

Billy Martin, another of Vicks' attorneys, said Vick chose to work with the animal protection group because it was one of his harshest critics before he was indicted.

"Now it's time for Mike's deeds to speak for themselves," he said.

# Mickelson on leave; wife diagnosed with cancer

Phil Mickelson was gearing up for his favorite time of year, working his way toward Bethpage Black and another crack at the U.S. Open before a New York gallery that treats him like a rock star. All that changed Wednesday, along with his priorities, when he disclosed that his wife, Amy, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Mickelson is taking an indefinite leave from the PGA Tour. He withdrew from the Byron Nelson Championship, which he won in 1996. He is to defend his title next week at Colonial, but even that is uncertain. A statement from his management company said his 37-year-old wife would have more tests, though treatment would begin with "major surgery" as early as the next two weeks.

"We see Amy as this vibrant, bubbly mother of three who is tremendously devoted to her husband and family," Jack Nicklaus said. "No one, especially Amy, deserves to have to face the battle that accompanies cancer. But we know that Amy has this amazing inner strength and spirit, and with Phil's unwavering love and support, they will fight and overcome this."

Mickelson, a three-time major champion with 36 career PGA Tour victories, was closing in on the No. 1 ranking held by Tiger Woods. He was runner-up to Woods at Bethpage Black in 2002.

"Elin and I are deeply saddened to hear the news about Amy," Woods said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with her, Phil, the children and the entire Mickelson family." ***(AP)***

# Ortiz ends homerless drought in Boston's 8-3 win

**BOSTON** (AP)—David Ortiz broke a career-high 149 at-bat homerless drought in a six-run fifth inning, Brad Penny pitched his best game of the season and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Wednesday night.

Jason Varitek, Jason Bay and Mike Lowell also homered in the fifth off rookie left-hander Brett Cecil (2-1), but Ortiz's shot just to the left of straightaway center drew the loudest roar from fans who waited a long time since his last homer Sept. 22.

The second-place Red Sox cut the Blue Jays' lead in the AL East to 1 1/2 games with their second win in two days over Toronto.

Penny (4-1) went 6 2-3 innings, his longest outing of the season, and held the Blue Jays scoreless on five hits through six innings. Then he allowed two runs on four hits in the seventh on a run-scoring single by Rod Barajas and a double-play grounder by Marco Scutaro that brought in the second run.

### Yankees 11, Orioles 4

At New York, Nick Swisher hit the first of three consecutive homers that sent Phil Hughes and New York to its eighth straight victory.

Robinson Cano and Melky Cabrera also hit solo shots to right field in the second inning against starter Jeremy Guthrie (3-4)—all with two strikes.

### Tigers 5, Rangers 3

At Detroit, Justin Verlander allowed three hits in six innings and Detroit, despite hitting into a triple play, won its fifth straight.

Gerald Laird lined into the triple play, Texas' first since 2002, in the fourth.

### Athletics 7, Rays 6

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Brett Anderson pitched into the seventh inning to pick up his first major league win, and Orlando Cabrera has two RBIs.

Anderson (1-4) gave up four runs—two earned—and four hits over six-plus innings. The victory came in his seventh career start, all coming this season.

### White Sox 7, Twins 4

At Chicago, Jermaine Dye's grand slam capped a seven-run fourth inning, and John Danks allowed five hits and two earned runs over 5 2-3 innings for Chicago.

Danks (3-3), who had an 8.35 ERA in his previous four starts, won for the first time in nearly a month.

### Indians 6, Royals 5

At Kansas City, Mo., Mark DeRosa had three hits and drove in the tie-breaking run in the eighth, and Kerry Wood rebounded from a bad outing for Cleveland.

Wood, rocked for four runs in the ninth inning Tuesday in a 6-5 loss to the Royals, walked the bases full with one out in the ninth. But he struck out Mark Teahen and David DeJesus for his sixth save in eight opportunities—his first since May 1.

### Mariners 1, Angels 0

At Seattle, Seattle fill-in starter Chris Jakubauskas limited his hometown Angels to two hits in six innings.

Ken Griffey Jr. had two hits, including an RBI single after Ichiro Suzuki doubled leading off the first against Ervin Santana(notes) (0-1). Jakubauskas improved to (3-4), and David Aardsma worked the ninth for his fifth save.

### Diamondbacks 13, Marlins 9

At Miami, Justin Upton hit his second three-run homer of the game in the 13th inning to help Arizona beat Florida for a split in a doubleheader overshadowed by the death of Diamondbacks pitcher Scott Schoeneweis' wife.

In the opener, Dan Uggla homered and drove in four runs in Florida's 8-6 win.

### Dodgers 2, Mets 1

At Los Angeles, Russell Martin drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning single to help Los Angeles complete a three-game sweep.

Orlando Hudson singled with one out in the eighth against J.J. Putz (1-3), who walked Andre Ethier before Martin lined the right-hander's 1-0 pitch to left field. The defending NL West champions improved their major league-best record to 29-13 and extended their division lead over San Francisco to 8 1/2 games.

### Reds 5, Phillies 1

At Cincinnati, Aaron Harang limited the NL's highest-scoring lineup to a solo homer, Brandon Phillips drove in three runs, and Cincinnati ended Philadelphia's winning streak at five games.

Harang (4-4) has alternated losses and wins all season. He helped the Reds snap a four-game losing streak that was their longest of the season.

### Braves 12, Rockies 4

At Atlanta, Yunel Escobar hit a three-run homer in a nine-run fourth inning and Atlanta routed Colorado for the second straight night.

The Rockies, who gave up 10 runs in the seventh inning of their 11-4 loss at Pittsburgh on Sunday, were tied 1-1 with the Braves before the big inning.

### Cardinals 2, Cubs 1

At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter returned to St. Louis' rotation with five scoreless innings, and Chris Duncan snapped a 1-for-21 slump with two hits and an RBI.

Carpenter (2-0) gave up three hits while throwing 67 pitches in his first outing since he strained a left rib-cage muscle April 14 at Arizona, and also his 100th career start with the Cardinals.

### Astros 6, Brewers 4

At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez pitched seven strong innings, Miguel Tejada and Hunter Pence both had two RBIs, and Houston ended Milwaukee's winning streak at six.

Lance Berkman had an RBI double, and Rodriguez drove in his first run of the season as the Astros—caught batting out of order in the first inning—handed Milwaukee only its third loss in 16 games.

### Padres 2, Giants 1

At San Diego, Kevin Kouzmanoff's homer was one of just four hits for San Diego against San Francisco in a matchup of the two lowest-scoring teams in the NL.

The Padres won their fifth straight game, matching their season high. San Francisco lost for the sixth time in seven games.

### Pirates 2, Nationals 1

At Washington, Washington's Joel Hanrahan threw a two-out, 1-2 pitch to Adam LaRoche that bounced before it got to home plate, allowing Freddy Sanchez to score from third in the ninth inning.

The Pirates have won a season-high five straight, the last three adding to the misery of a Nationals relief corps whose combined record is 1-15.

## Wife of D'backs pitcher found dead in Phoenix area

**FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz.** (AP)—The wife of Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Scott Schoeneweis was found dead at her home Wednesday.

Police said the cause of death hasn't been determined.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office said deputies found the body of 39-year-old Gabrielle Dawn Schoeneweis on the floor of the master bedroom in the family's suburban home shortly after noon.

Authorities said her 14-year-old daughter called the sheriff's office to report that she had found her mother lying there and unresponsive.

A team spokesman said Schoeneweis had left the team, which was playing a doubleheader in Florida on Wednesday night, and was returning to Phoenix.

# G4S takes lead, Fiesta recovers

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G4S took the early lead, while Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan bounced back in the Inaugural Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League following their separate wins Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

G4S improved to a 2-0 record for the solo lead in the six-team field after whipping Micronesian Brokers, Inc., 61-41, in the second game. Fiesta, which lost to G4S last Sunday, nipped Shirley's Coffee Shop in the curtain raiser, 72-67.

Timely baskets from Jimmy Salazar and Ferdie De La Torre helped Fiesta halt Shirley's rally and preserve the win.

Fiesta led by as much as 11 in the second quarter, 33-22, but Shirley's came back behind Jersh Angeles and Dindo Laxa and led the game at 65-64, with less than four minutes left in the fourth period.

Salazar, who had only two points in the first three quarters, muscled his way inside and made two baskets in the ensuing plays. On both occasions, Salazar drew a foul, but completed only one three-point play. De La Torre also had a three-point play for a 7-3 windup.

In the second game, G4S caught MBI on a bad scoring night to nail a 19-point win.

MBI had only Art Trajano scoring more than a field goal in the first quarter and the team was held to 17 points.

G4S also started slow and tallied only 15 markers in the first period. G4S had another 15-point output in the second period and took an 11-point lead at halftime, as it held MBI to seven markers, 30-19.

G4S was consistent with its offense in the third period, firing 15 more points, while MBI continued to struggle, scoring nine. Entering the final canto, G4S enjoyed a 17-point lead, 45-28, and MBI never recovered with only Alvin Alvarez, Ryan Cabrera, and Marvin Achas making baskets in the fourth period.

MBI dropped to a 1-1 record, tying Fiesta for third place. Advanced X-Terminators are in second place with a 1-0 slate and will go for win No. 2 tonight against Fiesta at 6:30pm.

G4S will aim for its third straight victory against Shirley's, which is looking for its first win after a 0-2 start, in the second game.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's John March Ong goes for a fallaway jumper during their game against Shirley's Coffee Shop in the Shirley's Invitational caging Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

## First Game

**Fiesta 72** – Esdrelon 23, De La Torre 10, Ong 10, Mojar 10, Salazar 6, Licop 4, Maliwanag 4, Rabago 3, Moran 2, Garcia 2.

**Shirley's 67** – Laxa 26, Angeles 16, Nicdao 14, Catungal 4, Pineda 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-16, 35-27, 53-45, 72-67.

## Second Game

**G4S 61** – Guiab 28, Basa 15, Banatasa 6, Chavez 3, Serrano 3, Sison 2, Larioza 2.

**MBI 42** – Trajano 12, Alvarez 9, Achas 8, Barbo 7, Cabrera 4, Sese 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-12, 30-19, 45-28, 61-42.

# 13 matches to start action in DFS netfest

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It will be a busy weekend for CNMI netters, as Northern Marianas Tennis Association begins the 2009 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships this Friday at the American Memorial Park and Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

This weekend's DFS netfest will feature competitions in juniors singles and adults doubles. Twelve matches will be played in the junior singles today, while only one doubles game in the adults division is scheduled in the opening day.

The lone doubles game will have Mike Pascual and George Bartolata battling the duo of Jake Lee and Clay McCullough-Stearns in the men's 3.0 division.

Five games will be played on Day 1 in the boys' 14-and-under division, which has the most entries in the juniors singles with 20 players.

The boys' 10-and-under division also has five opening-day games and will feature 11 players. The girls' 10-and-under division has 10 players and will have two matches on Day 1.

Action in the girls' 14-and-under and the boys' and girls' 18-and-under will start tomorrow.

The boys' 18-and-under division has seven players with former 14-and-under players Nathan Nutting and Rafael Jones moving up to the higher age group. Joining them are Andy Nutting, Sung Hoon Ham, Woo Suk Chang, George Race, and R.J. Aquino.

The girls' 18-and-under draw also has several 14-and-under players in sisters Theecel and Thea Minor and Melody Johnson. Completing the list are Jodel Fernandez, Dina Jones, Paila Race, and Lila Mailman.

Ten-year-old Neghar Rastguiy is entered in the girls' 14-and-under singles. Also in the draw are Mikayla Lopez, Alina Ishikawa, Ilia Corella, Amy Arenovski, and Jean Bracken.

Adults doubles competitions will have three divisions (open, 3.0, and 4.0) for men's and two for women's (combined 4.0 and open and 2.0 and 3.0). There will also be mixed doubles events for open, 4.0 and 3.0 divisions. Twenty-seven pairs are entered in the men's and women's doubles and 15 in the mixed doubles.

## RANGERS

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Rock Steady was still ahead, 4-3, after six and a half innings when Suel's two-run single led Falcons' rally. Falcons scored five more earned runs and had two more runners reaching home plate on Rock Steady's error at the bottom of the sixth to take a commanding 12-4 lead.

Rock Steady never recovered from there, tallying only one run in the last three innings. Oliver Secharmidal gave the defending champions their last run, making it to home plate in the seventh inning on a passed ball.

## MP

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youth and had its players participate as guests in MP United Training Programs. Now it's time for the Japanese to return the favor and play host to young CNMI strikers.

"The kids are excited to play in Japan. They've been preparing for this since January and it will be great to see how they will put into use what we practice during our training sessions the past several months," coach Katie Peters said.

Peters, who is a member of the CNMI National Women's Team, is at the forefront of MP United's U14 Team's twice-a-week training session since the club held a series of tryouts in December last year.

Sixteen young strikers made the grade in the tryouts and will get to experience playing in Japan. They are Chris Park, Andrew Johnson, Bo Barry, Neri Gutzweiller, R.J. Knecht, Evert and Jasper Van Der Maas, Angelo Jones, Jehn Joyner, Jack Sharer, Enrico Del Rosario, Kennedy Izuka, Dakota Hall, Jake and Aaron Lee, and Joon Lee.

"These kids hope to gain experience and bring their skills to the next level when they play in Japan," Peters added.

According to an MP United media release, the team was created initially as a pilot program aimed at providing a structured learning environment for individuals and parents looking for a year-round program to develop skills. MP United believes programs such as these are vital to identifying players with potential to train and develop into future national team players. The program was made possible through fundraising activities and support of parents of players of MP United Typhoon.

MP United Typhoons will be leaving for Narita at 6am today and will be riding the Vivid Blue Bus for a three-hour trip to Numazu City. Tomorrow, MP United strikers will be playing three short friendship games against Vivid Blue and on Sunday, the visitors will compete in two games against junior high school teams in Numazu.

Beside playing several games against Japanese players, MP United Typhoons will also visit Syuzenji (temple), Katsuragi Park, Numazu Imperial Villa, Hakone, and Izu Penninsula.

MP United Football Club wished to thank its main sponsor, IT&E, for making the trip possible and for consistently helping the club's program. MP United also acknowledged the assistance of The Brothers Oriental Medical Clinic, Topnotch, Bobby Cadillac's Pizza, DFS, Shell Marianas, Mariana's Maid Service, Pacific Islands Club, AON Insurance, 360 Restaurant, The Set, and Loyola Sports Promotions for donations to MP United's Fund Raising Raffle and Booster T-Shirt Sales.

Meanwhile, MP United is hoping to implement the same program that led to the forming of the boys' U14 team to boys' U12 and girls' U14 players.

MP United Football Club boasts of 145 youth players and 40 adult players. It has several age group teams competing in the 2009 NMIFA Spring Youth Football League.

For more information about the upcoming program and tryouts, contact Sue Knecht at sueknecht1@yahoo.com.

## KOALA

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they exchanged pleasantries with MWA and officials of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

A couple of hours later, the group joined 54 other walkers for the Saipan phase of the Koala Wanderers IVV Saipan and Tinian Walk, a 5- and 10-km jaunt from Hafadai Beach Hotel to the Japanese Tank and Oleai Beach Bar and Grill and back.

Wednesday saw them embark on a tour of Saipan that was organized by Pacific Development, Inc.

Last night, Koala Wanderers visited the Thursday Night Market and today they are guests in Fiesta Resort's special dinner show.

Prior to arriving on Saipan, the group took part in the IVV Olympiad. They are expected to depart the CNMI early tomorrow morning.

Trettin and company first visited the island in May 2005 for the World Walking Day organized by the Saipan Walking Association, Inc. The group also visited Saipan the following year and took part in the same event.

During their visit in 2006, the group signed an agreement with Saipan Walking Association, the former name of MWA, that in essence called on both walking associations to keep each informed about the other's activities and help other walking association around the world to promote walking, all in the spirit of international friendship.

## SIMPLY

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count with a local slant:

*SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands—Oct. 10, 2009*

*Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Mike White challenged Gov. Ben Fitial to a no-holds barred fight inside the octagon cage at the World Resort under the auspices of Trench Tech.*

*"We had our women's badminton championship scheduled for that night at the Ada Gym. Now the Governor wants the Ada Gym for the Special Olympics," White griped.*

*Fitial countered, "It's not that I wanted to discriminate against—what's that sport called again?—but the Special Olympics are special."*

*Even an accomplished attorney like White could hardly argue that. "Well, female badminton players are special too, but I guess they aren't really, you know, special." White then challenged the executive branch leader to a mixed martial arts match to settle their differences.*

*Jason Tarkong has agreed to be the ring official. Cuki Alvarez is in charge of selling tickets. Fitial said Charles Reyes would issue a press release to announce his decision.*

*Tickets on sale now. All proceeds go to the author of this column.*

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

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| Boston | 24 | 16 | .600 | 1 1/2 |
| New York | 23 | 17 | .575 | 2 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 20 | 22 | .476 | 6 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 16 | 24 | .400 | 9 1/2 |

**Central Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 22 | 16 | .579 | - |
| Kansas City | 21 | 19 | .525 | 2 |
| Chicago | 17 | 21 | .447 | 5 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 23 | .439 | 5 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 15 | 26 | .366 | 8 1/2 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 23 | 16 | .590 | - |
| Los Angeles | 20 | 19 | .513 | 3 |
| Seattle | 18 | 22 | .450 | 5 1/2 |
| Oakland | 15 | 22 | .405 | 7 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 21 | 17 | .553 | - |
| New York | 21 | 19 | .525 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 20 | 19 | .513 | 1 1/2 |
| Florida | 19 | 22 | .463 | 3 1/2 |
| Washington | 11 | 28 | .282 | 10 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 25 | 15 | .625 | - |
| St. Louis | 23 | 17 | .575 | 2 |
| Chicago | 21 | 17 | .553 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 21 | 18 | .538 | 3 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 21 | .475 | 6 |
| Houston | 18 | 20 | .474 | 6 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 29 | 13 | .690 | - |
| San Francisco | 19 | 20 | .487 | 8 1/2 |
| San Diego | 18 | 22 | .450 | 10 |
| Arizona | 16 | 24 | .400 | 12 |
| Colorado | 15 | 24 | .385 | 12 1/2 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Florida 8, Arizona 6, 1st game
Arizona 11, Florida 9, 13 innings, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1
Atlanta 12, Colorado 4
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 1
Houston 6, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 2, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Detroit 5, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 11, Baltimore 4
Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 6
Boston 8, Toronto 3
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 4
Seattle 1, L.A. Angels 0

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### LOCAL SCORES

**SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| G4S | 2 | 0 |
| Advanced | 1 | 0 |
| Fiesta | 1 | 1 |
| MBI | 1 | 1 |
| PTC | 0 | 1 |
| Shirley's | 0 | 2 |

# DFS donates $3.1K to Tsunami Saipan

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DFS Galleria Saipan recently donated $3,100 to the Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan to help defray the cost of sending their swimmers to the 2009 Guam Championship Meet at the end of this month.

Present during the check presentation were DFS Galleria Saipan general manager Shogo Ando, president Marian Aldan-Pierce, and assistant general manager Vicente "Ben" Babauta. Receiving the check in behalf of the two-year-old club was Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good.

Good thanked DFS Galleria Saipan for its generous donation and said the money will go a long way in helping the finances of the club.

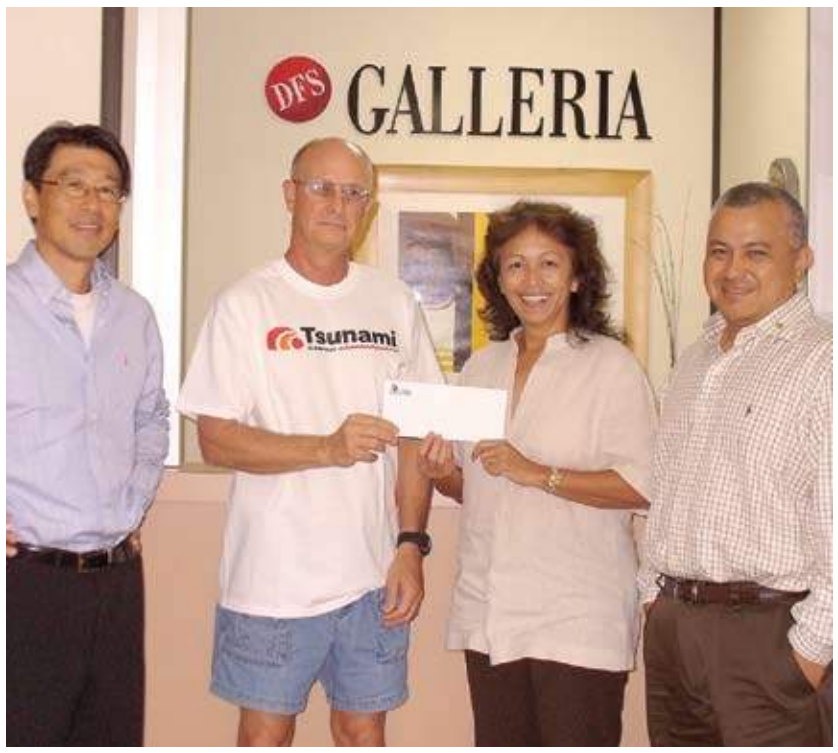
"In these continuing tough economic times, our swim club is especially vulnerable. The Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan relies totally on volunteers, team dues, and sponsors donations to operate. Without such generous support, such as this DFS donation, the swim team could not continue."

Babauta, for his part, reaffirmed his company's commitment to extending a helping hand to worthwhile causes like Tsunami Saipan's participation to the Guam meet.

"DFS continues to support youth organizations in sports and other worthwhile events to promote youth health, develop skills, and character building for our children."

Good said DFS Galleria Saipan's gesture shows that the company recognizes that the club is a young organization that has accomplished a lot in the two years since it started.

"Tsunami Saipan provides a well organized, competitive swim team whose members have broken 47 records since starting last year and 29 swimming records in the current swim season," he said.

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From left, DFS Saipan general manager Shogo Ando, Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good, DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce, and DFS assistant general manager Vicente "Ben" Babauta during DFS Saipan's $3,100 check turnover rites.

Good added that some of their youngest swimmers in the 8-and-under age group have broken 30-year-old swimming records, while the senior swimmers dominate regional events.

"This completely volunteer club also provides Red Cross Water Safety Lessons to the community at large, and encourages team participation in other community events, like the recent Red Cross Walkathon."

The Tsunami Saipan president reiterated that part of DFS Galleria Saipan's donation will be used to help send swimmers go to the Guam Championship Meet, which runs from May 29 and 30 at the Hagatna Pool.

"A few of our kids have never been off Saipan, and some have never been to Guam. This donation will allow those kids who have worked hard in practice to compete in Guam," Good said.

Following the swim meet, Good said the club members will attend a swim clinic and the donation will help offset pool fees and other costs associated with the training.

From its humble beginnings with two swimmers in August 2007, Tsunami Saipan has grown to 32 full-time members.

Tsunami Saipan embraces the coaching philosophy of the Tsunami Swim Club in Guam. This philosophy stresses high character traits necessary for the rigors of competitive training, a respect for the sport and team loyalty, intensive stroke technique, and a willingness to overcome obstacles.

These are many of the same traits that local swimming pioneers Bill and Jean Sakovich stressed during Saipan Swim Club's 30-year reign as the island's only swim team.

DFS Group Limited, for its part, is the world's leading luxury retailer catering the traveling public. Founded in November 1960, the company started operations in Hong Kong and spread to Europe and other places around the globe.

# UBA youth caging kicks off tonight

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Unified Basketball Association, Inc.'s inaugural offering, the 2009 Summer Youth Basketball League, will kick off tonight at the Garapan Basketball Court with competitions in three divisions.

The opening ceremony, which will have the traditional parade of teams, will start at 5:30pm. Draws will be held after the opening to determine the teams that will play in the opening day.

UBA president James Lee said three are 13 teams that will play in the youth league.

Division I, which is for 13 to 15 age group, has Rollers A and B, Sonics and Junior Sonics, and Sixers on its list.

Rollers, Kagman Ayuyu, China Town Lil' Saints, San Antonio Sixers, and Sonics are entered in Division II, which will have players in the 16 to 17 age group.

Division III, which will cater to players in the 18 to 20 age category, has Rollers, Kagman Sparks, and Pink Buns.

Divisions I and II will have a round-robin format in the regular season with the Top 4 teams advancing to the playoffs. The championship duel will be a best-of-three affair.

A double round robin format will be implemented in Division III with the top finisher getting a bye in the playoffs. The last two placed team will then square off in the first round of the playoffs for the right to face the No. 1 seeded squad in a best-of-three title series.

Games in the UBA summer caging will be played every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Two matches will be played on weekdays, while three games are set for Saturday. Division I games will be played first at 5:30pm, followed by either Division II or II matches at 7:30pm.

The league was originally set to kick off last Friday, but UBA decided to push it back to give teams more time to prepare. UBA used the weeklong delay to train its referees and table officials before starting the league.

Lee said they have about 15 people who volunteer to work as table officials and referees.

# CNMI strikers top PIC 3 vs 3 soccer tourney

The Chris Nelson and Lucas Knecht-led team ruled the 2009 Pacific Islands Club 3 vs. 3 Soccer Tournament held over the weekend at PIC.

Nelson and Knecht, who are both members of the CNMI Men's National Team, joined forces with Koichiro Nakamura and Marya Oestreich in beating the team of Steve McKagan, Rob Jordan, and Lindsey Sosovec.

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Chris Nelson, seen here going for a save in the CNMI Nationals' training session at the Oleai Sports Complex, teamed up with Lucas Knecht, Marya Oestreich, and Koichiro Nakamura in ruling the 2009 Pacific Islands Club 3 vs. 3 Soccer Tournament held over the weekend at PIC.

Knecht, who suited up for the CNMI Nationals in the East Asian Football Championship 2010 Preliminary Competition in Guam in March this year, delivered for the winning team. He scored the winning goal in overtime to down McKagan's squad, which was undefeated in the elimination round.

Knecht's team pocketed $100 for their feat. Each member also received PIC Water Park pass plus brunch certificate for two, and an IT&E gift bag.

Each member of the runner-up team went home with PIC Water Park pass plus brunch certificate for one and $100 worth of free text from IT&E.

Dale Roberts and Greg Elliot teamed up with a PIC guest and finished third. They each won PIC Water Park pass for two and IT&E hats.

Twenty-three players participated in the weekend tournament, which was supported by PIC, Monster, Pepsi, Miller Lite, and IT&E.

The first day of the event had teams competing in a pool play, while the second day had a double elimination format.

Players were ranked "1" (advanced) "2" (intermediate), or "3" (beginner). Each team had one randomly drawn player from each category and only players in the 15-and-over age group were allowed to join the two-day event. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

# Hamoy continues local billiards domination

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Chester Hamoy followed up his victory in the Ronelsie Cup by winning the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament over veteran Senen Pangilinan last Saturday.

Coincidentally, Pangilinan was also Hamoy's opponent in the Ronelsie Cup finals held last Thursday at Round Two Bar and Grill.

And this one had the same ending but with a little twist as Hamoy needed his twice-to-beat advantage to win the weekly championship.

Pangilinan stole Game 1 from the fast-starting Hamoy after the latter missed on his final ball before the 8-ball after opening with a successful break.

That was just the opening Pangelinan needed as the cue artist went on to run the table to force a do-or-die second game.

It was the same start but different story in Game 2 as Hamoy again pocketed a ball after the break and proceeded to clean the table before missing on the all-important 8-ball that could've secured the win outright.

Pangilinan, however, failed to capitalize this time as he only pocketed five balls before missing on the 6-ball. What made matters worst was his foul shot that left the 8-ball hanging by the pocket, for all intents and purposes, handed the win on a silver platter to Hamoy.

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Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament winner Chester Hamoy is flanked by runners-up Senen Pangilinan, left, and Zheng Jian Qing after the tournament last Saturday.

The win was worth $70 for Hamoy, while Pangilinan settled for the $30 runner-up prize. Zheng Jian Qing, who finished third after losing to Pangilinan in the semis, came away with $10.

The first round of the weekly tourney saw Rolly Villanueva win over R.J. Mascarinas, Zheng beating Chester Cuento, Mark Butac upending Victor Hocog, Hamoy taking out Luis Fajardo, and Primo Ferrera upsetting defending champion Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu.

Hamoy, Pangilinan, and Zheng rolled to victories in the second round after winning against Ferrera, Villanueva, and Butac, respectively.

Hamoy then secured the first finals seat with back-to-back wins over Zheng and Pangilinan. The latter two then went head-to-head for the second finals ticket with the Pangilinan winning when he ran the table following a successful break.

The Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is $10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call Top Pool Bar manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676 or check out the competition's website at www.saipanero.com/bars/toppoolbar.

**Magic stun LeBron, Cavaliers in Game 1**

LeBron James chewed on his fingernails as he talked quietly with Mo Williams in the corner of Cleveland's muted locker room. As they reviewed the game's final seconds, the two stars stared blankly at a boxscore floating in an ice tub above James' feet. **32**

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# Rangers extend win run in BSML

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The Rangers continued their winnings ways in the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball, whipping D-9ers, 14-2, Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Coming into Wednesday's game, the Rangers were riding on a 10-game winning streak and got their 11th in a row against one loss after outclassing D-9ers the whole night. The win ended D-9ers' three-game winning streak and boosted the Rangers' bid for the pennant. The Rangers absorbed their lone loss so far in the tournament against defending champion Rock Steady, 5-6, during the league's opening in March.

Benwachi Taisacan went 3-for-5 at bat for the Rangers and had a two-run homer at the top of the sixth inning to spark the team's breakaway. Rangers had a five-run top of the six, turning a 5-2 lead to a 10-2 advantage after six complete innings.

D-9ers posted their two runs in the fourth inning with Greg Camacho scoring on Jess Iguel's error and Jeff Tenorio making it home in the fifth inning on a Pat Camacho single before being shutout by the Rangers defense in the last four innings.

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The Rangers' J.J. Laniyo, left, is congratulated by teammate Jesus Iguel after the former scored in their game against D-9ers in the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Roy Celis and Pat Alepuyo both went only 2-for-6 at the plate for the Rangers, but they had two RBIs each. Jess Iguel, Peter Tomokane, Dave Camacho, and J.J. Laniyo added one RBI apiece in the Rangers' lopsided win.

**Falcons 13, Rock Steady 5**

Tanapag Falcons thwarted Rock Steady, 13-5, in last Monday night's game, handing the latter its second straight loss.

J.D. Dikito went 3-for-4 at the plate and scored only one run, but had two RBIs. J.R. Suel also had two RBIs and was 2-for-5 at bat, making two runs and a double.

A nine-run bottom of the sixth gave the Falcons the needed cushion to stun the defending champions, who lost to D-9ers, 10-11, last week.

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## MP United to play in Japan

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MP United Boys' U14 Team will be leaving for Japan this morning for friendly matches against Vivid Blue Japan and two junior high school teams.

The Japanese youth strikers are based in Numazu City, Shizouka and have been frequent visitors of Saipan. The group, which had its recent visit here in March this year, have been bringing youth and adult players on the island for cultural and football exchange programs. In its last visit, Vivid Blue hosted free clinics for the

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Members of MP United Boys' U14 Team pose with coach Katie Peters during a break in their training session at the Garapan Elementary School Field. The IT&E-sponsored squad will leave for Japan today for friendly matches against Vivid Blue Japan this weekend.

# Koala Wanderers complete Saipan, Tinian treks

MARK RABAGO

Participants of the Saipan phase of the Koala Wanderers IVV Saipan and Tinian Walk pose for a photo prior to the event Tuesday afternoon at the Hafadai Beach Hotel garden.

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Koala Wanderers International Club of Germany completed their treks on Saipan and Tinian yesterday after visiting the latter's atomic bomb pit.

Marianas Walking Association director Mario Espeleta said a total of 40 Koala Wanderers, led by the group's leader Manfred Trettin, and six MWA members visited the historic site where Little Boy was loaded aboard the *Enola Gay* more than 60 years ago.

The B-29 Superfortress dropped the first atomic bomb in the U.S. raid on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, which led to the eventual surrender of Japan that ended World War II.

Espeleta said the visit to Tinian and the atomic bomb pit was quite emotional for the group, which majority of members hail from Germany, an ally of Japan during the war.

He said Koala Wanderers is a strong advocate of peace and the group's trek to Tinian reaffirms their commitment to worldwide friendship.

The visit to Tinian's Northfield concluded a hectic three-day schedule for the group. Soon after arriving on Saipan Tuesday morning, Koala Wanderers attended a luncheon at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan where

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## Simply absurd

Over a breakfast of one egg over easy on top of a slice of ham and cheese on an English muffin, hash brown potatoes fried in butter (not oil), a ripe mango from the front yard tree, a large glass of ice water, and two cups of hot coffee, I offer this for your digestion.

Vince McMahon, arguably the smartest man in sports entertainment business, challenged Stan Kroenke to a fight inside a steel-cage. Vince is 64. Stan is 62.

Of course it's a joke but then what is the WWE if not a joke?

The brouhaha broke because the Pepsi Center booked WWE on the same night the Denver Nuggets will play Game 4 in the Western Conference Finals. Since Kroenke owns both the Pepsi Center and Nuggets, the decision was easy. WWE loses.

"Even though the Denver Nuggets had a strong team this year and were projected to make the playoffs, obviously Nuggets and Pepsi Center owner Stan Kroenke did not have enough faith in his own team to hold the May 25th date for a potential playoff game," said McMahon who had booked it since August last year.

McMahon will exploit this to his financial advantage by riding a wave of free publicity and creating new marketing opportunities. Now he's rooting for the Lakers. And they will probably win too because Vince is Big Winner.

Will the wrestling icon now wear a Kobe Bryant jersey?

Will he come up with more verbal daggers like this one: "Quite frankly, it's my view that Stan Kroenke should be arrested, should be arrested for impersonating a good businessman, because he's not a good businessman,"

McMahon is now taking Monday Night Raw to LA Staples Center. Part of the show will feature a five-on-five Lakers vs. Nuggets "exhibition." Someone will play Kroenke who will go against and lose to McMahon.

In that vein of comical absurdity, here's an entirely fictitious ac-

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## OFF THE BENCH

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